



FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT'S FATHER.—Slowly, and with a filial reverence, the President of the United States followed a black coffin from a Plymouth, Vt., home to a little cemetery on the hillside. The coffin contained the remains of Col. John Coolidge. No. 1 indicates the President. No. 2 is Mrs. Coolidge. No. 3 points to John Coolidge, whose brother, Calvin, Jr., rests in the same cemetery. At the right can be seen the hearse, mounted on runners.



FOR ARMS PARLEY.—Mr. Alanson B. Houghton, U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain (above) and Hugh Gibson, envoy to Switzerland, now in Washington to discuss an arms parley with President Coolidge.



AT CEMETERY.—President Calvin Coolidge (in silk hat) pictured entering the Plymouth, Vt., cemetery just before the body of his aged father, Col. John Coolidge, was laid to rest alongside of the President's son, Calvin, Jr.



LAST FAMILY PICTURE.—A picture of the last gathering of Col. John Coolidge and the members of his son's family. It shows the President, Mrs. Coolidge, their son John, and the President's late father (right) on the lawn of the White House.



DOUG AND MARY.—Recognise them? Who wouldn't! Doug and Mary, to be sure, stopping off at New York on a pilgrimage abroad.



STAR ATHLETE.—World's champion pole vaulter, and all-around star athlete, Charley Hoff also is a writer, sculptor and cartoonist. Here he is at work in his New York studio.



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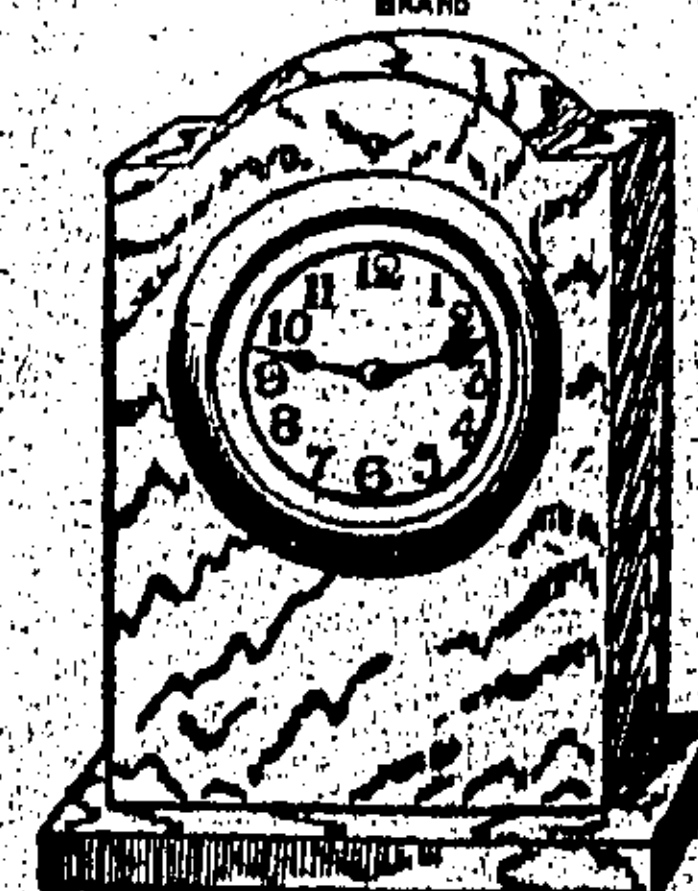
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NOTICE.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 1st May 1926 commencing at 3 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at \$5.00 each up to Friday 30th April.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Monday the 26th. day of April 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1925, and of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th. April 1926 to 26th. April 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers,
R. FARRANT,
Manager & Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th. April, 1926.

SAFE DEPOSIT VAULTS.

The Banque de l'Indo-Chine beg to inform all interested in safe deposit, that they have actually in their new building, 5 Queen's Road, safe deposit Boxes at the yearly rate of \$3 for the small size, and \$12 for the large size. Please apply to the Cashier.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

It is proposed to hold a Jumble sale on Wednesday May 5th. Contributions of clothing, etc., will be gratefully received at the City Hall on Monday, 26th, Thursday, 29th and May 3rd, 4th and 5th at 11 a.m.

H. G. GOLDSMITH,
for Hon. Treasurer,
Hongkong Benevolent Society.
Hongkong, April 25, 1926.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC MEETING, 1926.

to be held on the United Service Recreation Ground, Kowloon, May 6th and 7th.

Open Event.—7th May, timed for 3.10 p.m., ONE MILE Flat Race. Open to Royal Navy, European Garrison (including H.K.V.D.C.) and Hongkong Police; British Residents.

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Hongkong, April 25, 1926.

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd. May will be subject to rent.

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BLACK ARMY.

GERMANY STILL RECRUITING.

Berlin, March 13.—In a debate that began in the Reichstag to-day on sums budgeted for military purposes, Dr. Luenstler (Social-Democrat), after praising the achievements of the old army, bitterly reproached the present Minister of Defence with spending far too much on armaments when money was so badly needed for more useful purposes.

He even went so far as to cast doubts on the sincerity of the Minister's Republicanism.

Referring to the subterranean monarchist associations, he expressed astonishment that formations manifestly belonging to the Black Army should have been allowed to be quartered in barracks belonging to the Reichswehr, and flatly denied a statement recently issued by the Ministry's press organs to the effect that the Black Army had ceased to exist.

He had proof, he said, that as recently as February 14, young recruits whose names he could give, had been received into the Black Army.

"WORLD BRISTLING WITH ARMS."

Count von der Schulenburg (German Nationalist) formerly a member of the General Staff, spoke at length on the so-called Patriotic Associations of National Youth, and expressed satisfaction that the Minister of Defence had not taken up a hostile and unsympathetic attitude towards them.

The Right cheered his peroration to the echo.

"The youth of the nation must be steered to be ready to meet any emergency in a world bristling with arms, and as far from the millennium as ever."

In this connection it is interesting to note that Count Schulenburg last Sunday attended an assembly of 400 senior officers of the old German Army, who met behind closed doors at the Rheingold Restaurant, on Potsdamer Platz, to do homage to the memory of the 90 members of the General Staff who fell in the war. President Hindenburg, in Field-Marshal's uniform, was present, as also were the ex-Crown Prince and General Mackensen, both wearing Hussars' uniform, with the famous skull and crossbones busby.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

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Hongkong, \$1,105. b.
Chartered, £20 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$304 b.
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East Asia, \$86 sa.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$625 b.
China Underwriters, \$1,90 b.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$283 b.
Yangtze, \$39 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$170 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$550 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 n.
Steamboats, \$27 sa.
Tugs, \$21 sa.
Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.
Shell Trans., \$77 b.
Star Forries, \$61 b.
Waterboats, \$15 n.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$26 b.

Malabons, \$36 sa.

Mining.

Benguet, \$1,50 n.

Kailans, \$27 b.

Langkats, Tls. 244 b.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.25 sa.

Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.

Raub, \$5.00 b.

Tronohs, 65/- sa.

Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$128 b.

Whampoa Docks, \$60 sa.

Hongkows, Tls. 165 b.

New Engineerings, Tls. 5.80 b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.75 b.

H.K. Lands, \$64 n.

Realtys, \$6 b.

Territorials, \$5 sa.

Humphreys, \$151 b.

Finches Bldgs, \$100 n.

Rural Lands, \$7 sa.

Cottons.

Ewos, Tls. 10.30 b.

Oriental, Tls. 3.20 b.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 52 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$11 n.

Canton Ices, \$71 n.

Cements, \$151 b.

China Buses, Tls. 104 b.

China Lights, \$20 b.

China Prov., \$6.00 b.

Constructions, \$24 n.

Dairy Farms, \$20 n.

Der A. Wing, \$10 n.

Electric, \$64 b.

Macao Electric, \$40 n.

Developments, 25 cents, n.

Ropes, \$30 sa.

Tramways, \$24.80 b.

Lane Crawfords, \$104 x. Div.

Mackintosh, \$211 n.

Peak Trams, \$173 b.

Sinceros, \$11 n.

Taxis, \$4 sa.

United Asbestos, \$20 n.

Watsons, \$12 b.

Powells, \$10 n.

NOVEL WITHDRAWN.

RE-READING MAKES FOR HUMILIATION.

Mr. Shane Leslie is withdrawing from circulation his novel, "The Cantab," which was condemned by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Northampton as offending against good taste and morality.

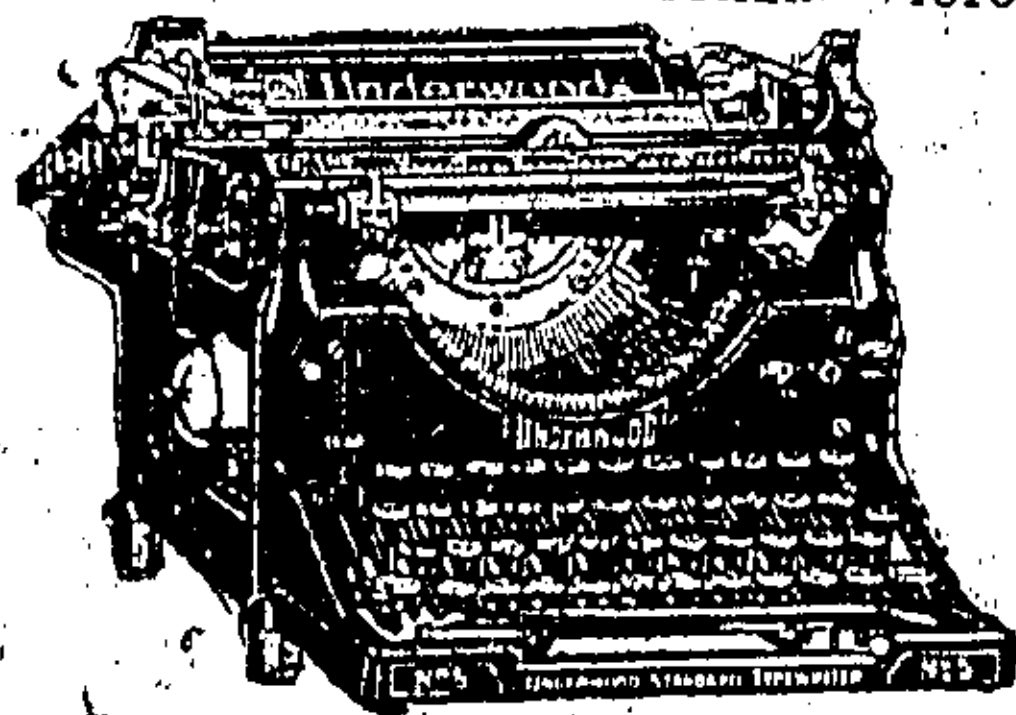


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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

ASTONISHING STATEMENT BY YOUNG CHINESE.

An astonishing statement was made by a Chinese in the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday, when during the course of public examination by the Official Receiver debtor stated that, although his father was a rich rice merchant, he (debtor), had to pay his mother's expenses.

The case was that of Leung Chokwan, aged 24, of the Compradore's Department of Messrs. Sassoon and Co., Ltd., who was earning a salary of \$30 per month. Debtor in consequence of borrowing large sums of money had become bankrupt.

In reply to the Official Receiver, the debtor said that all his loans were spent in paying for his mother's clothes.

The Official Receiver: Do you seriously contend that your father, a rich man, who is already supporting your family, relies on you, a clerk earning \$30 a month, to liquidate his wife's debts?

Father's Unknown Debts.

Debtor: My father has several wives and if he paid the debts of one he would have to pay the debts of all. My mother's debts in all amounted to over \$2,000 taels.

The Official Receiver: If what you say is correct, would he be proud of people knowing that he refused to pay his wife's debts?

Debtor: The debts were among clansmen so people wouldn't know about it.

The Official Receiver (with a glance at the "Press" bench): But they may know yet, Mr. Leung.

Under further examination, debtor stated that he had borrowed \$1,500 from an Indian money lender on the security of shares in a knitting company of which he was secretary at the time.

The Official Receiver: On what salary?

Debtor: \$60 a month.

The Official Receiver: That was two years ago and you are now only getting \$30 a month. Your services seem to be depreciating instead of increasing in value.

Unsellable Shares.

Replying to further questions debtor admitted that after he purchased the shares he could not sell them; but they had cost his father \$3,000. The knitting factory had since closed down and as far as he was aware no dividend had been paid. When he pledged the shares he thought they were worth the \$3,000 which he paid for them.

The Official Receiver: If you believed that the shares were worth that, why did you raise only half of that amount on them and at the same time borrow \$500 from another Indian money lender on a promissory note under which you were to pay back \$1,000.

Debtor: I could get no one to buy the shares.

The Official Receiver: I put it to you that when you contracted these debts amounting in all to \$2,000 you had no idea of how the money could possibly be paid back.

Co-Liquidator.

Leung Chokwan had gone into bankruptcy jointly with another clerk in the employ of Messrs. Sassoon and Co., Ltd., and at the conclusion of the examination of Leung, the other clerk was questioned.

During his examination he said that he had put up \$500 as security for Leung, but had never been paid a cent of his money. At another time he had signed a note to an Indian money lender for a

WAR DEBTS.

NEW FRENCH OFFER TO UNITED STATES.

Washington, April 24. M. Henri Berenger has intimated that France is ready to pay \$25,000,000 annually, including this year, and to graduate her payments to \$100,000,000 annually. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington, April 25. It is generally understood that the French offer approximately totals \$7,000,000,000, including interest payments over a period of sixty-two years, which is almost a thousand million dollars better than M. Caillaux's proposal; but the American Commissioners are said to doubt the advisability of accepting an initial payment of only \$25,000,000, compared with the \$40,000,000 offered by Caillaux. —*Reuter's American Service.*

France and Britain.

Paris, April 24. The Ministry of Finance states that as the British Government has indicated that it attaches keen interest to the possibility of Mr. Churchill's being able to include the French debt payments in his budget, the British and French Governments have begun negotiations with a view to concluding a temporary arrangement limited to the lines which the eventual agreement seems likely to take. —*Reuter.*

Russia Likely to Settle With France.

London, April 25. Negotiations quietly conducted in Paris for some time aiming at a settlement of the Russian debt to France, seem on the verge of a successful outcome.

A Moscow message says Litvinoff has stated the conversations have entered the business stage, and both parties have worked out concrete proposals, which were hitherto widely separated.

A Paris message says the newspapers trace the progress of the discussions, which first postulated the establishment of a debt redemption fund by means of contributions of exporters and importers in both countries, graduated according to the volume of trade; but France has now requested the Soviets to pay a lump sum equal to twenty-five per cent of the value of Russian bonds. The Soviets are unfavourably disposed towards this, and on the contrary insistently demand credits, but the French are of opinion that Rakowsky is not inclined to risk a failure, like that of London, and is doing his utmost to take back a signed agreement. —*Reuter.*

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similar sum and had received \$250.

Debtor, Kun Shu-kai, said that he was an old Queen's College student, 30 years of age, and had a family of two children. His salary a month was \$70.

The Official Receiver: Earning the salary that you do, do you consider that you were justified in incurring liabilities for a friend and for yourself to such amounts?

Debtor: I stood security as the money lender would not advance without it.

Debtor also admitted borrowing another sum on an I. O. U. from another employee of Sassoon's.

SOMALILAND WAR.

ITALIAN OPERATIONS AGAINST TRIBESMEN.

London, April 25. The Italian operations against the tribesmen in Cyrenaica, Italian Somaliland, continue, and according to *Reuter's* correspondent at Rome, have been attended with successful results, the Italian casualties being few and the rebels' heavy.

Two columns operating in Cyrenaica, after a five hour march in territory south of Jebel-el-Akhdar, reached Abid, where they routed the rebels after a bayonet charge. The rebels later remobilized and were reinforced, but were again routed. Six of the Italian colonial troops were killed and 28 wounded. The rebels had 160 killed.

Italian progress in North Italian Somaliland, in the Nugal territory, led to the submission of the Omar Mahmud tribe. The operations were carried out with naval support. It is semi-officially stated that the Italian losses were insignificant. The rebel losses were heavy.

The Italians propose to occupy the whole of the Nugal territory as far as the frontiers of Abyssinia and British Somaliland, with the object of eradicating anarchy, which is stated to be rampant throughout the country. —*Reuter.*

INDIANS IN AFRICA.

INDIAN APPROVAL.

Bombay, April 24.

South Africa's acquiescence in the proposal for a round table conference over the Indian problem is wholeheartedly welcomed by the Press of all shades of opinion. Even the extremist papers give the Indian Government credit for the part played in the negotiations.

Mahatma Gandhi, who expressed relief and thankfulness, considers the Union Government is undoubtedly entitled to safeguard what it calls the "Western standard of life," by just and legitimate means. —*Reuter.*

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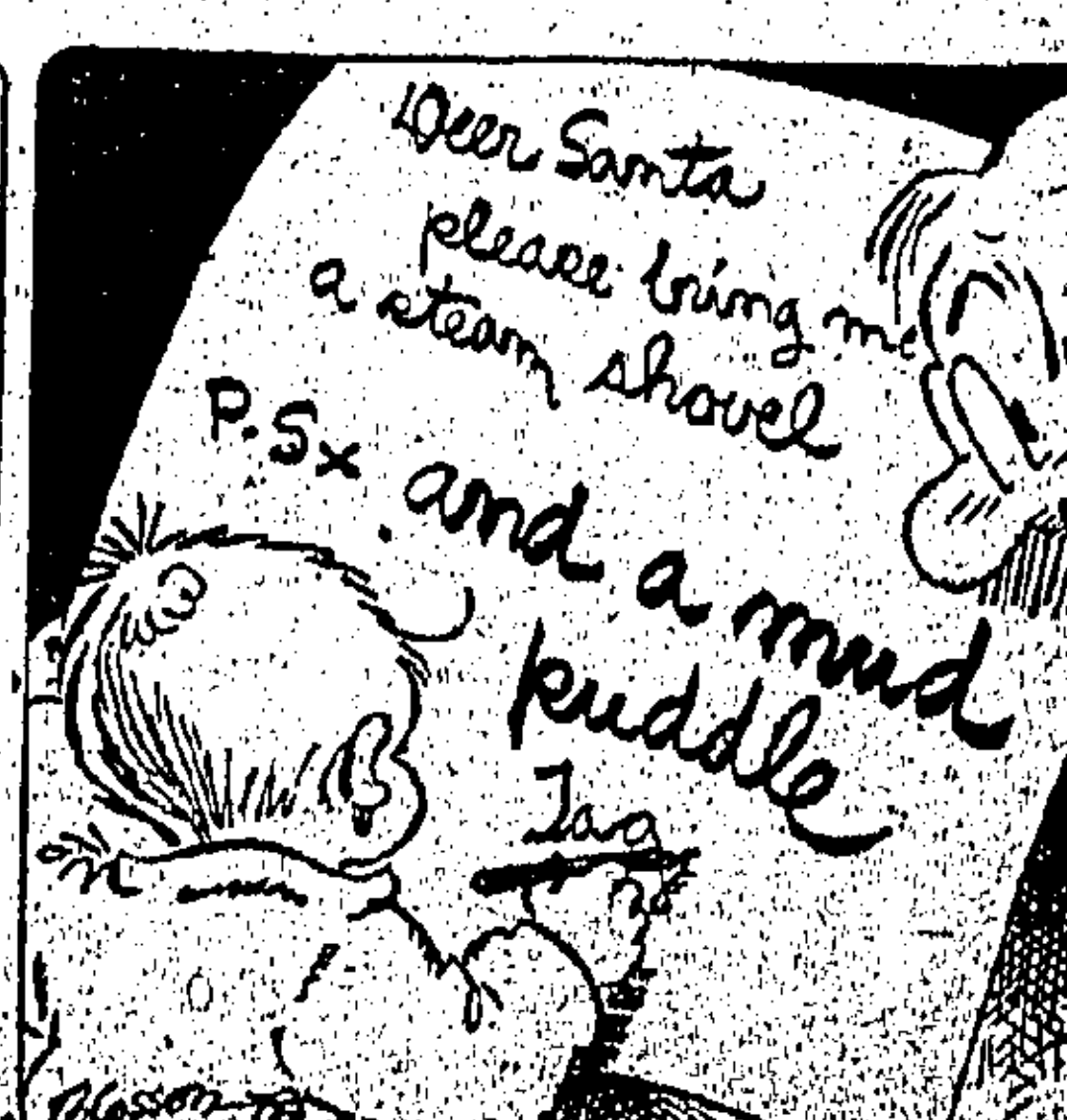
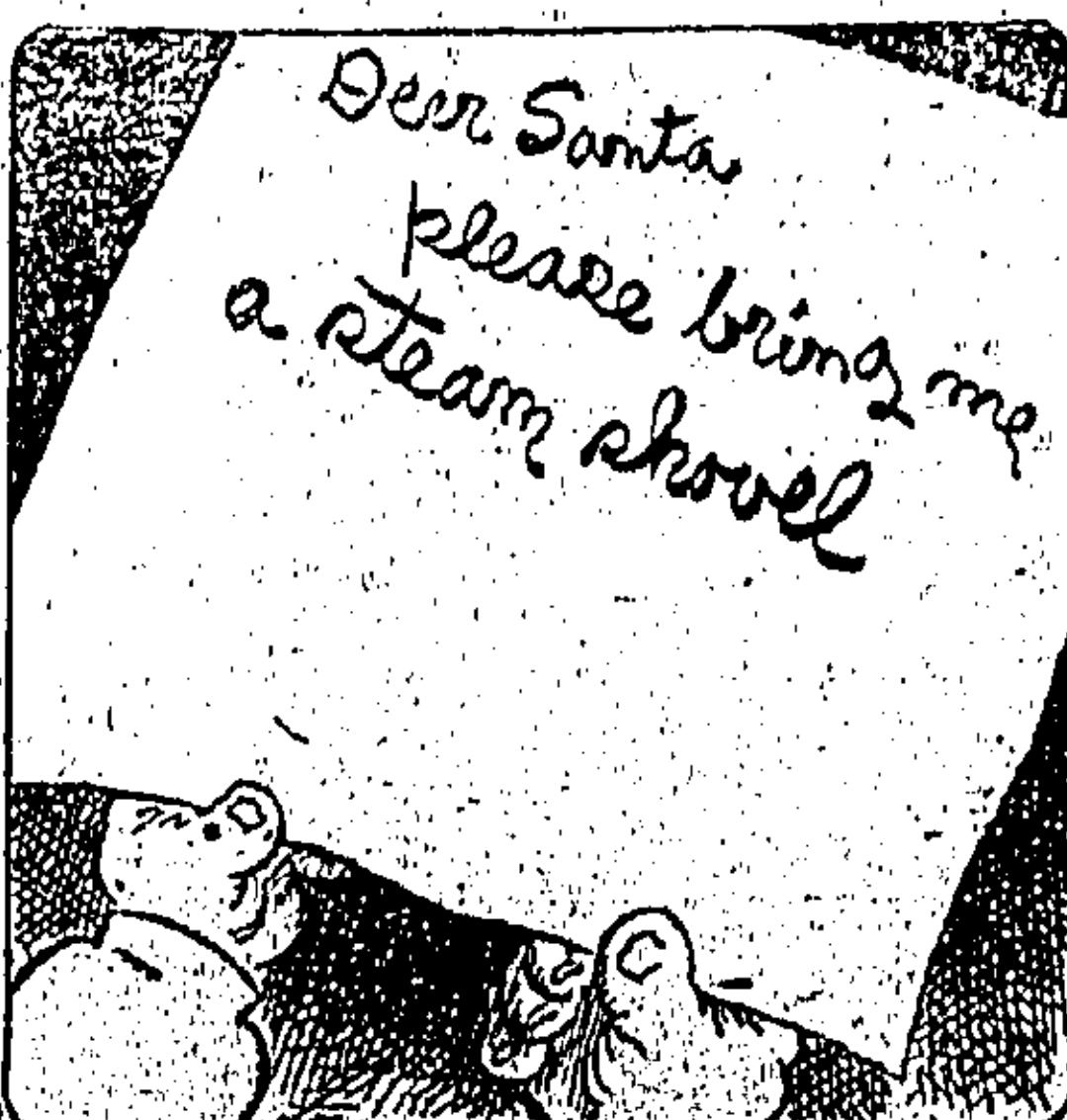
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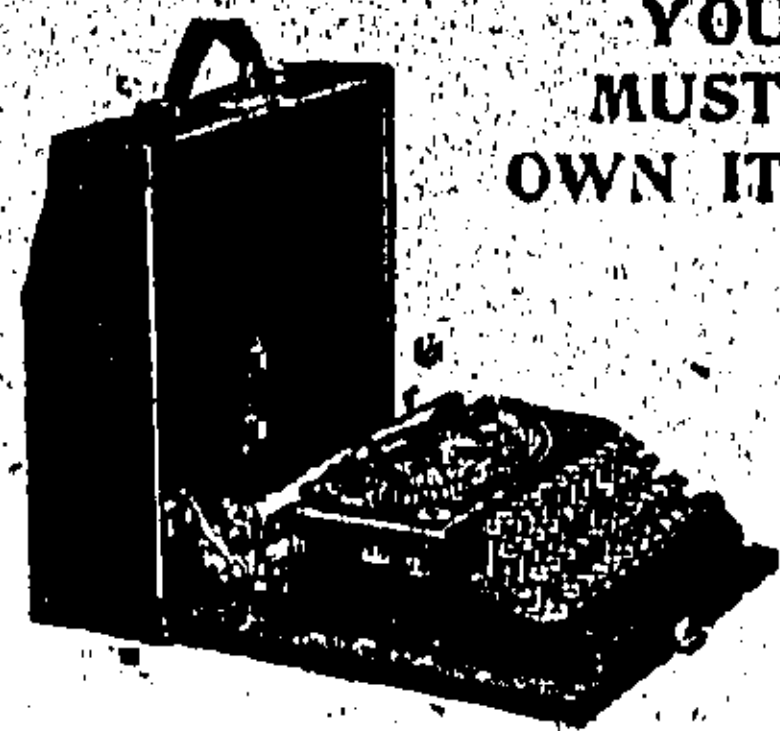
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BIRTHS.

HOUGHTON.—To Mr. & Mrs. M. F. Houghton, on April 24th, 1926, at No. 11 Hart Avenue, Kowloon, a son. (Shanghai & Singapore papers please copy).

The Telegraph.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1926.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

When one considers that for more than half the year the Colony was in the throes of a trade boycott and that for two months at least we were living under very acute strike conditions which put a stop to most normal activities, it is really remarkable that the Government's revenue for 1925 should have been approaching a million and a half more than was estimated. The explanation, of course, lies in the fact that the revenue of the Government is largely from sources other than directly connected with the port's trade. If we had been anything but a free port and had lived dependent on taxation and duties on incoming goods then the past year would have been a very sorry one for the Administration's revenue. Further, the Government's estimate of revenue was an exceedingly modest one, just under \$22,000,000 being looked for whereas in 1924 well over \$24,000,000 had actually been received. The looked-for decrease in the consumption of opium (in conformity with the Government's policy) accounts for the lower estimate, but that decrease did not, apparently, take place, and in spite of the fact that really big decreases of revenue were experienced on account of less shipping and smaller land sales, the total income for 1925 was less than \$1,000,000 short of the revenue for 1924. Taking everything into consideration, we of this Colony have every reason to congratulate ourselves that, during a year which was marked by a determined conspiracy on the part of misguided folk to injure the well-being of Hongkong, our public finances are so well established that our revenue has been but little affected by this outside attack. Notwithstanding a boycott, a campaign of labour intimidation and a welter of calumny the purpose of which was to harm, we have come through with an administration little injured from the financial point of view.

It is true that we spent just over \$5,000,000 more than was received, but it must be remembered that a very large sum indeed has been spent on development work of an extraordinary nature, including over \$3,600,000 on Public Works Extraordinary, over \$600,000 on Port Works and large sums on equipment under the headings of Harbour Master's Department and the Fire Brigade. Whilst it is as well to bear in mind that all this heavy expenditure is mostly in the nature of capital investment and that a goodly proportion of such a sum could, if necessary, be saved in future years, it must never be forgotten that development must be a concomitant of our being and that we ought, if possible, to proceed with development work even though the cost is, at the moment, just a little more than we can seemingly afford. Our total expenditure was about \$1,500,000 more than in 1924, although over \$2,000,000 less than the Government was prepared to spend when it framed the 1925 Budget. It is common knowledge that there has been a considerable amount of departmental economy attempted in recent months, and the main task of the Government now ought to be the finding of the line at which most economy can be effected without interfering too much with needed development work or impairing the efficiency of the governmental machine. It is, admittedly, a big task and a difficult one. Main important works which are of real necessity ought to go on, and if we have any regret at all it is that the Government is showing too ready a disposition to postpone or cancel works to which we have all been looking forward. The future of the Colony is an asset in which plenty of trust can yet be reposed.

Repulse Bay.

Now that the bathing season is fear at hand, the public is hoping that, as the result of the efforts of Dr. Koch and Sir Henry Pollock, something definite will be done without delay in improving the facilities at Repulse Bay. This spot is the most popular of any on the island during the summer, but under existing conditions it is impossible for very few, besides those owning methods, to enjoy a dip at this pretty resort. There can be no doubting the necessity for some improvement on present arrangements, but we are afraid that nothing elaborate will be possible in time for the coming season. Eventually, we should like to see a big scheme carried out at Repulse Bay, in which the Hotel Company and the Government might well work in co-operation. For the moment, however, the chief need is more accommodation for the public generally, the cleaning up of certain parts of the beach, and the provision of lavatory accommodation. Sir Henry Pollock, who has addressed a series of questions to the Government on the matter, has been informed that the replies to his queries are not yet ready. We trust, however, that the matter will be expedited, with a view to at any rate something being done within the next month or so.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, April 25.
To-day's exchange rates are as follow:
Paris 144%
Brussels 130%
Amsterdam 121.1%
Berlin 20.42%
Copenhagen 18.53%
Vienna 31.65%
Helsingfors 133
Lisbon 21%
Buenos Aires 45%
Shanghai 2/10%
Yokohama 1/11 5/16
New York 4.85%
Geneva 25.17%
Milan 120.9
Stockholm 18.16%
Oslo 22.6%
Prague 16.4%
Madrid 32.72%
Rio 7
Bombay 1/5 15/16
Hongkong 2/2%
Silver Spot 20%
Forward 20 9/16
British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE OBJECT OF PREACHING IS CONSTANTLY TO REMIND MANKIND OF WHAT MANKIND ARE CONSTANTLY FORGETTING.—*Sydney Smith.*

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, fresh; overcast.

The s.s. Empress of Asia is due here from Manila, at 6 a.m. to-morrow morning.

We have received a message from the Colonial Secretary saying that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against Saigon on account of cholera.

Mr. S. J. Jordain, secretary of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., has left on Home leave by the s.s. City of Valencia, and Mr. A. W. Brown has become acting secretary.

Among the passengers to leave by the s.s. Singkiang, sailing at daylight to-morrow, will be Mr. D. McNeill, who is going to Shanghai and the North on a holiday.

A small chimney fire occurred at No. 19, Ashley Road, Kowloon, at 8 p.m. last night, but with the arrival of the Fire Brigade the fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

Through mistaking poison for medicine, a Chinese, employed at the Hongkong Club, has been taken to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from poisoning.

A Chinese has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a dog bite. The dog is owned by Mr. S. M. Wong, 4 D'Aguiar Street, and has been sent to Kowloon Town for observation.

Found guilty of being in possession of 134 forged Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes, which were found in his possession when searched on the Macao boat wharf, a Chinese youth has been ordered to receive fifteen strokes with the cane.

As motor car, No. 1282, was being driven along the Praya East, a Chinese youth was struck by one of the mudguards. He sustained slight injuries to his head, and was taken home by his mother.

During the week-end there was one case of diphtheria reported (Chinese) and also one imported case of typhoid (British). One dog was captured suffering from rabies.

The case in which an Indian constable is charged with accepting a bribe, or alternatively with misconduct, was again mentioned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, and the hearing was fixed for May 3rd.

There is quite a good programme at the Queen's Theatre at present, comprising British news reel, a very funny "Our Gang" comic and a First National attraction entitled "Twenty-One." The last named is rather stereotyped in theme but is noteworthy for some good acting by Richard Barthelmess.

An unpleasant experience befell four visitors at the Hongkong Hotel lounge on the ground floor on Saturday evening, when an over-head fan became dislodged and descended on the table occupied by the party. The guests concerned were Messrs. Elsie Zeitlyn, H. E. Goldsmith, J. L. Durand and A. H. Rowe, who were having tea in the corner on the north side of the lounge, facing the street. Mr. Durand received a glancing blow on the head, while Mr. Goldsmith was struck on the hands. Mr. Rowe sustained injuries to his arms and other minor cuts.

During the football match on the Club ground on Saturday, the attention of a large number of the spectators was diverted to an incident at the west end of the grand stand. It appears that through some defect in a lamp standard to which the end of the wire was attached, the fencing became charged with electricity. A Chinese youth, in attempting to climb through the wire, was at once held fast by the current. He was rescued before any serious injury was caused. The spot was later guarded by a party of constables under Sub-Inspector Field, until the wires were cut.

THE CALCUTTA SITUATION.

MORE EUROPEAN POLICE WANTED.

Calcutta, April 25.
The local branch of the European Association has proposed that the Bengal Government draft additional Europeans into the police force as the present Europeans have undergone a continuous strain for the last three weeks. It contends that the preponderating Hindu element in the police force makes its impartiality suspect, though the Association does not suspect it.

The Marwari Chamber of Commerce has drawn the attention of the Governor to the "entire suppression of trade" and urges immediate measures.

The British Indian Association says that the Governor's presence in Calcutta is extremely desirable.—*Reuter.*

BIG CASUALTY LIST.

Calcutta, April 25.
Hitherto twenty three have been killed and at least two hundred injured as a result of the Hindu-Muslim disorders. The situation continued disquieting to-day. The native portion of the city has presented a gloomy and deserted appearance.

Three Moslems were wounded by shots when Hindus attacked a funeral party conveying the bodies of two Moslems to the cemetery. Later a Hindu was stabbed in the street with the result that a regular inter-communal fight commenced which only ceased after the police had fired into the mob wounding a number.

Isolated cases of looting, assaults, and other crimes continue in the Indian quarters of the city. In all thirty persons were sent to hospital to-day including nine with gunshot wounds. Armoured cars have patrolled the city throughout the day.—*Reuter.*

A Berlin cable to *The Daily Chronicle* says the Soviets have decided to permit women to be officers on ships of their mercantile marine. One woman is to be a naval architect in State shipbuilding yards; another is appointed to be captain of a steamer. She will be the first woman to command a ship of the Black Sea fleet.

RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.

SINISTER RUSSIAN CONFESSION.

Moscow, April 25.
"We might be glad," said M. Litvinoff in the course of a much applauded speech justifying the conclusion of the Russo-German Treaty, "Having extracted the anti-Soviet sting from the Locarno Treaty," he declared the new Treaty was inspired by peaceful aims, but, if as the Soviets always suspected, the Locarno pact contemplated the creation of an anti-Soviet combination, then the treaty with Berlin would be a contradiction to Locarno.—*Reuter.*

DISTURBED POLISH FEELING.

Warsaw, April 25.
The newspapers are most uneasy and most angry as they foresee embarrassments arising from the Russo-German agreement, which the *Nowy Kurjer Poles* says resuscitates just what Locarno aimed at abolishing, namely, mutual private alliances. It accuses Germany, by a unilateral act, of ignoring all the duties devolving on her from Article sixteen of the League Covenant.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

MR. ARTHUR HASSAM.

London, April 25.
The death is announced of Mr. Arthur Hassam, ex-Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Consulting Engineer to the Peking Syndicate, and a life-long friend of Sir Joseph Cook, with whom he began work as a miner in Staffordshire.—*Reuter.*

PROMINENT SHIP OWNER.

London, April 25.
The death is also announced of Sir Shadforth Watts, the Chairman of the Shipping Federation, and for many years one of Britain's foremost shipping personalities in the shipping world.—*Reuter.*

EX-EMPEROR DEAD.

Tokyo, April 26.
A message from Seoul announces the death of ex-Emperor Li, of Korea.—*Reuter.*

The Very Idea!

Our pity goes out to the man whose wife was so late that he forgot for whom he was waiting.

Youth will have its fling. A girl in Washington has sued a boy of nine for throwing a stone and striking her in the eye.

Hailing as he did, from the North, he had taken full advantage of the opportunity given him to play over a famous golf course, and the moon was rising as he returned to the Club House. Turning to his tired caddy, he said, "Well, laddie, I'm goin' to give ye a tip." "Thank you, Sir," said the expectant youth.

"Ay," said the man. "Hurry home; it's goin' to rain. There's a naifty ring round th' moon."

A clause in the Famous Player-Lasky film contract of 16-year old Lois Moran, provides that she "must remain unsophisticated during the period of the contract." After that time it is presumed Lois will probably leap out roller-skating and may even dare use a toothpick as steps toward Hollywood sophistication.

"Would you care if I should leave you?" Said the man, with tender touch.

And then, quite absentmindedly, His sweetie said, "How much?"

Once upon a time there was a girl who was perfectly willing to join the missionary movement—until she found it wasn't a dance step.

If you don't want to get behind the bars, don't stand too much in front of one.

Nervous, frightened and worrying, the young man was striding up and down the hospital corridor. Somewhere behind the doors his first child was being ushered into the world. Finally the doctor appeared and told him to control himself or else go out and take a walk.

"But I tell you I'm scared to death," protested the new father. "You needn't be," replied the doctor. "I've brought more than two thousand babies into the world and I haven't lost a father yet."

Ernest Vajda, Hungarian writer, who gets \$20,000 for every movie tale, has bought his first automobile since coming to Hollywood. It is a second hand machine and he paid \$685 cash for it.

It was the powder on father's sleeve that started the explosion when he came home from the lodge meeting.

Now, honestly how often have you met a friend and said— "What's the matter—have you been sick? You look all fagged out."

That's a poor habit—that has a bad effect.

Most people are human enough to be affected. My goodness, if they look sick, they must be sick. And they keep on thinking that until they actually get to feeling bad.

On the other hand, it's just as easy to make a really ill person feel better, by saying something like—

"Well, you certainly are looking better."

If you must do one or the other—do the latter.

If there was only one head to a family, father wouldn't have to buy so many hats.

Wife: When we were first married you used to call me angel. Now you don't call me anything. What's the reason?
Husband: Self-control.

WING ON CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the labels he used a special lens with a magnification which enabled him to measure accurately to a two hundredth part of an inch. He repeated his measurements for the purpose of checking his observations.

NINA'S FIGURES LONGER.

The result of his observations was that he found the figures on "Nina's" label to be approximately one tenth longer than on any other book he examined. This he considered a considerable difference in figures of this size. The colour and texture of the corner of "Nina" was different from that of "Emma." "Emma" had a double row of stitching at the back one row of stitching holes having no cotton in. The case is proceeding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

A HOT WEATHER SUGGESTION.

Sir,—Some few weeks ago, I noticed that the Macao Steamboat Company advertised that special excursions would be made to Macao, and that an orchestra would provide the music for dancing. Since I have been in Hongkong, I seem to remember seeing a suggestion that excursion steamers should make circular trips of the Island. Now it seems to me that some such venture would prove immensely popular, and I am surprised that nothing has so far been done with the exception of the musical trip to Macao. For that I cannot speak, but I do feel that bi-weekly or even weekly trips around the Island of Hongkong would prove a great attraction, especially during the hot weather. The fare could be sufficient to make the venture worth while to the Company. Three dollars would not be excessive, because one has to pay considerably more to enter Hongkong by motor car.

On moonlight nights the thought of a couple or more hours on the sea is most enchanting. In order to safeguard the Company, it might be advertised that booking would be necessary, and that unless a certain number of passengers booked by a certain date, the trip would not be made. I am sure you will be thanked by a great number of people if you can in any way influence the Company to make a trial.—Yours, etc.,

INVIGORATING.

Hongkong, April 25, 1926.

GALLIPOLI ANNIVERSARY.

CELEBRATED IN LONDON.

London, April 25. The eleventh anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli was celebrated to-day when those who served in the famous 29th Division assembled on the Horse Guards' parade and afterwards marched to the Cenotaph, where wreaths were laid at its base.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, who was Commander-in-Chief at Gallipoli afterwards took the salute.—British Wireless.

SYRIAN TROUBLE.

FRENCH CAPTURE DRUSE CAPITAL.

Beirut, April 25. The French troops captured Saida, the capital of the Jebel Druses to-day after six hours fighting.—Reuter.

Later.

Druses engaged in the defence of Saida were estimated as being over six thousand strong. They desperately resisted the French attacks and suffered heavy losses. The French captured two guns.—Reuter.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2s.2.7/16d.
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Barometer... (2 p.m.) 29.90
Temperature (2 p.m.) 66
Humidity... (2 p.m.) 87

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The following is from the fortnightly market report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—There are no signs of improvement in market conditions and no sales of any magnitude are reported. The fall in exchange tends to make the placing of orders a difficult matter. Deliveries still remain relatively poor. Eg. Sakel, has advanced to 16.30d whilst Mid. Am. "Spot" has declined to 9.90d.

Cotton Yarn.—A limited business has been put through at a reduction in prices of \$2 to \$3 per bale. Market closed quiet. Nominal quotations are as follows: No. 10s. \$160/170. No. 12s. \$165/180. No. 16s. \$180/185. No. 20s. \$190/195. Arrivals 1,000 bales. Shipments Nil. Unsold stocks 7,500 bales. Bargains 2,400 bales.

Woolens.—Very little demand. Raw Cotton.—No sales to report.

Metals.—Market dull, nothing doing.

Flour Market Report.—Stocks: About 600,000 sacks. Market: Quiet. Quotations: American Patent, \$4.30 per sack; American Straight, \$3.55 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.55 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.55 per sack; Canadian Cut-off, \$3.15 per sack.

Window Glass.—Local stocks plentiful.

Sugar.—Market dull.

Saltpetre.—Stocks 12,000 bags. Unexpected heavy drop in Rupee Exchange has entirely checked ready and forward transactions.

ECHO OF MEXICAN OUTRAGE.

A RE-TRIAL ORDERED.

Mexico City, April 25. There was a re-echo of a celebrated case to-day when the Supreme Court ordered the re-trial of Alejo Garcia and Francisco Ruiz, who were sentenced to death for the alleged murder of Mrs. Evans, the wife of a British subject, in 1924. The Court held that the original trial was full of errors. The order automatically stays the death sentence.—Reuter.

FRENCH BUDGET.

ADOPTED BY CHAMBER.

Paris, April 25. The Chamber has adopted the whole of the 1926 Budget by 427 votes to 153.—Reuter.

Paris, April 25. The Chamber, discussing the Budget, has passed the clause establishing an independent redemption fund. It has also passed Clause 1, which fixes the Budget at 37,376,000,000 francs expenditure and 37,517,000,000 revenue.—Reuter.

Folk who distrust banks, like the Sydney woman who buried £12,000 in gold in her garden, are apt to choose strange hiding-places for their wealth. A few years ago a police court case revealed the fact that a London woman kept her money hidden in her mother's grave in a suburban cemetery, and quite a number of persons seem to put trust in the security of cannon as bank-places. In a solitary gun in a fort near Shoreham was found a parcel of jewellery, and in an old Crimean gun at Liverpool, some while ago, an inquisitive youngster discovered a roll of notes, wrapped in a soldier's discharge papers, to the value of over £100.

AHEAD OF MAIL.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Calcutta, March 30.

The story of alleged witchcraft, said to have been practised by an elderly up country woman, Sarapatia Dasadin, on a child with fatal results, has been reported to the Calcutta North District Police.

According to the father of the child, the woman, who was a well-known witch of the locality, had a quarrel with his wife. In the course of the quarrel Sarapatia Dasadin muttered something to the effect that she would see that the child died, and the child was found dead yesterday. The father traced the woman and begged of her to bring the child back to life. She agreed to do so, and asked the father to take the child to a burning ghat. This was done. There the woman went through a process of sorcery. But as the child did not show any sign of life the matter was reported to the Police who took the woman into custody.

DICTATORSHIP IN FRANCE.

London, March 30.

According to some London reports a group of Senators, belonging to the Right Wing of the French Senate, visited Marshal Foch, and sounded him on his willingness to become dictator.

It is understood that Marshal Foch intimated that, having fought the War, he did not want to fight the peace.

The *Matin* significantly remarked: "People in this country are not panicky, but they are becoming tired of political tricksters. They are straining their eyes trying to find a man to lead them out from the present chaos."

DUKE OF ORLEANS' DEATH.

London, March 30.

The Duke of Orleans' death has caused profound consternation in French Royalist circles due to the fact that the Duc de Guise will now become Pretender to the French throne, under the rules of succession to the House of France, but the Duc de Guise accepts the title he will be obliged to leave France in accordance with the law of 1886.

On the other hand, supporters of the direct branch of the Bourbon family regard Don Jaime, King Alfonso's cousin, as successor.

LEGACY FOR BRITISH HONDURAS.

London, March 30.

The Crown Colony of British Honduras will benefit by an astonishing windfall in the form of a legacy by Lord Bliss, who died aboard his yacht at Belize, the capital of Honduras on March 9th. According to an intimation received from Mr. Algernon Aspin Aspinall, Lord Bliss has bequeathed to the Colony a fortune estimated locally at £25,000 annually.

The Governor, Colonial Secretary and Attorney-General have been appointed trustees with full powers.

It is stipulated that only British material and labour must be used in development schemes.

Lord Bliss's will provides £100 annually on a regatta, for his burial at Fort George, and for the erection of a granite monument alongside, on which there will be an eighty foot obelisk showing a red light for the use of shipping.

NEW SHAH OF PERSIA.

A WEEK'S FESTIVITIES.

Teheran, April 25.

The new Shah has been crowned, and the ceremony will be followed by a week's festivities, including the opening of the wireless station, and night-time illuminations and fireworks. Receptions are being arranged by the various Legations.—Reuter.

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MEN'S WEAR STYLIST'S.

DEATHS WRONGLY PRESUMED.

INSTANCES FROM THE EAST.

Sir John A. Bucknill, who was Attorney-General in Hongkong, and afterwards Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, and is now in India, discusses, in a letter to *The Times*, some cases of mistaken presumption of death, from which the following extract is of interest to our readers:—A Chinese "Towkay" (leading man) of Malacca, who was engaged as a merchant in a large way of business, left his home to go to Rangoon (where he was interested in trade in rice) for one of his periodical visits; he expected to be away for some few months. He was a well-to-do gentleman, owning in the neighbourhood of Malacca a quantity of house property and land. His wife he left behind. He did not return for several months; but two Chinese men arrived in Malacca and saw his wife, telling her that her husband had died in their presence in Rangoon not long previously and that they had been present at his funeral. He had left no will, and the wife applied to the Malacca Registrar for letters of administration to his estate; the two men and she swore affidavits which thoroughly satisfied the Registrar that the gentleman was dead. He was, perhaps, not sufficiently cautious; but he issued letters of administration to the lady, who sold most, if not all, of her husband's immovable property for excellent value at auction with the sanction of the Court; the proceeds in cash were dissipated; it was alleged that one (at least) of the two men obtained a good deal of the money, but they both disappeared.

Quite a considerable time after all this had happened—some months had elapsed—the husband returned to Malacca; he had been unexpectedly detained in various places. It is possible (for it is not wrong in any way, according to the Chinese view in Malaya) that he had another wife and family in Rangoon. At any rate, on his return (very much alive) he found himself presumed dead, his property sold, and his wife the only victim upon whom he could vent his wrath. She was prosecuted, but found not guilty by a jury which thought she had been deceived by the two visitors. The "Towkay" brought actions against the purchasers of his property; but the sales had been conducted with the direct sanction of the Court and the price paid to the administrator, and his actions were dismissed.

ed. One may say that perhaps his misfortunes were largely his own fault in that he did not write to his wife at Malacca and keep her apprised of his movements; but that he did not do so is in no way surprising to those who are acquainted with the life of the Chinese in Malaya.

I should have thought that during the Great War there have arisen cases somewhat of this type. I may mention that it was only as a result of certain secret information received by me that deaths were not presumed in the case of several persons who were passengers from Singapore on board the Japanese steamer *Hitchi Maru*. This ship was *seen* in England during the war, and after she left Colombo to travel round the Cape of Good Hope (the Mediterranean being then too dangerous) was not heard of for a very long time; it was supposed that she had struck a mine and had been lost. Some of the passengers possessed business and property in the Straits Settlements, and applications were made to the Supreme Court on behalf of the relatives of those missing persons that their deaths might be presumed in order that probate of their wills or letters of administration to their estates might be issued from the Registry. These applications were supported by affidavits which certainly tended to show that there was little doubt that the ship had foundered with all hands. I was not myself altogether satisfied that there might not have been some other solution of the disappearance of the ship, as the German raider *Wolf* was supposed to have been operating in the neighbourhood of Madagascar. I therefore refused the applications to presume death, but I appointed a receiver to carry on the affairs of the persons who were missing.

Some weeks after I had taken this step I received information from a source (which I do not think I am at liberty to divulge) to the effect that this Japanese ship had been, in fact, captured by the *Wolf*. It was not, however, until some months later that any definite news was made public (even if it was known) as to the fate of the passengers on the vessel; their ship had been sunk, but they had been transferred to another prize which the *Wolf* took with her and nearly succeeded in bringing back safely with her to Germany. My recollection, however, is that this Spanish vessel had to part company with the *Wolf* owing to a storm, and went ashore on the coast of Denmark; some of the passengers were on board the *Wolf* itself, and one I know was interned for a long time in Bavaria.

Trouble occurred yesterday between sixty and seventy Shanghai men, at a tea shop in Canton Road, Kowloon, apparently owing to the fact that one of them refused to pay for some tea. The men, who are employed by a local building firm, assembled outside the shop, and a report was sent to the Water Police. The man was taken to the Police Station where he paid his debt, and it was after when his friends tried to create a disturbance. A posse of police was sent to the scene, but everything was quiet when they arrived.

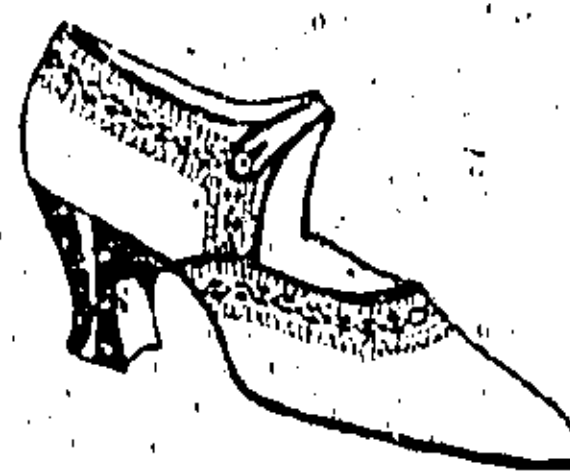
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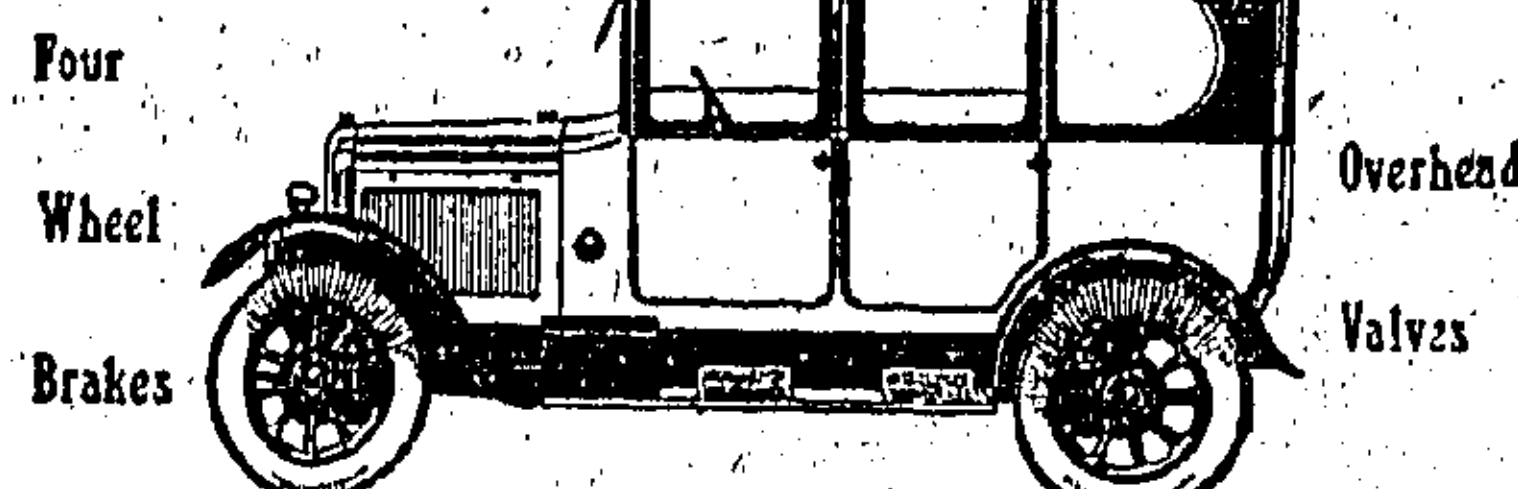
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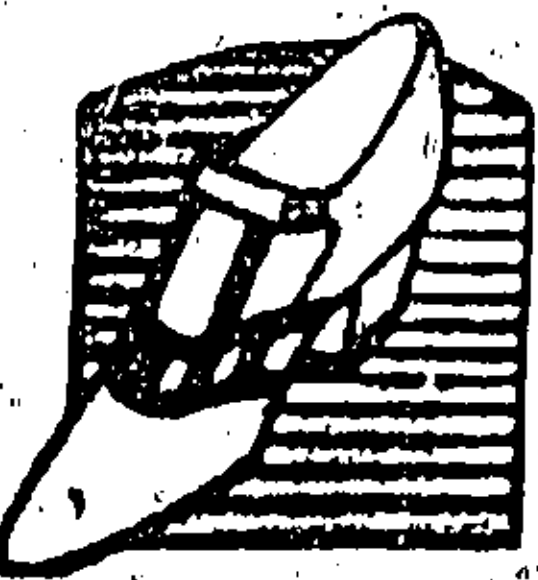
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BRITAIN'S COAL CRISIS.

FURTHER MEETINGS.

Rugby, April 24.

The Prime Minister will on Mon-
day again meet the negotiating
committees which, on his sugges-
tion were formed yesterday by the
miners and coal owners. His
separate conversations with these
bodies after his meeting with the
joint committees have provided
material for them to consider dur-
ing the week-end, and it is believed
that when he again meets them on
Monday, the situation will have
modified sufficiently to make pos-
sible a detailed and definite dis-
cussion of the financial position
of the industry and of the wages
problem.

The situation is difficult and
grave, but general recognition of
its gravity is in a considerable
measure a safeguard against the
extreme course of stoppage.
In emphasising to both sides
the national aspect of the dis-
pute, the Premier has a vast volume
of public opinion behind him. A
settlement will have to be reached
some time, and if it is reached
after, instead of before, stoppage,
the only difference will be that
both sides will be poorer. Coal
affects all industries and the in-
fluence of other trade and indus-
trial organizations, whether repre-
sentative of men or employers, is
a steady factor against resort to
extreme measures.

The publicity given to the
negotiation proceedings here en-
ables the developments to be closely
watched, and the disputants are
naturally conscious that, irrespec-
tive of party or class, opinion will
promptly range itself against
either side which refuses a reason-
able compromise or in any way
jeopardises a settlement.

Few people anticipated that this
difficult dispute could be settled
by the owners and miners without
participation of the Government,
and it is no surprise that negotia-
tions have been so protracted.

The Premier's meetings on Mon-
day will be the first stage of what
promises to be a week of close
and constant negotiation. There
is, however, no truth in the state-
ment that the Government are con-
templating a State loan to the coal
industry.—*British Wireless.*

No Loan.

London, April 25.

It is officially announced that the
Government is not contemplating a
State loan for the coal industry.—
Reuter.

WETS AND DRIES.

Washington, April 25.

The battle between the Wets
and Dries continues with unabated
vigour. The largest committee
room in the Capitol is unable to
accommodate the crowds attracted
to witness the dramatic close of
the tempestuous proceedings.

Mr. Codman (Wets. counsel) in
his final speech vigorously pleaded
for modification of the Prohibition
Law. Mr. Wayne Wheeler, for
Dries, declared the attack on the
Prohibition Law would never suc-
ceed. He recalled the testimony
of representatives of eight million
women and twenty million Church
people before the Committee and
declared it proved that "this nation
prefers prohibition, with its ac-
companiment of lower death rate,
declared crime and drunkenness
and widespread prosperity, to vice,
crime and corruption, which would
mark the brewers' return to power."
—*Reuter's American Service.*

Berlin, April 24.
The Russo-German Treaty men-
tioned on 14th inst. has been signed
by Herr Stresemann and the Rus-
sian Ambassador, M. Krestinski.
The text will be published during
the ensuing week.—*Reuter.*

THE FASCISTI.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP
REPORTED.

Rome, April 24.

At a meeting of the Directory
of the Fascist party with Signor
Mussolini presiding, Signor Turati
(Secretary General) reported that
the membership of the party on
April 21 was 742,000 an increase
of 326,000 compared with twelve
months previously.

The directory decided that no
further applications for member-
ship can be considered until 1927.
—*Reuter.*

YACHTING.

SUCCESSFUL CLOSING
CRUISE ON SATURDAY.

The closing cruise of the Royal
Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday
proved as successful as any of re-
cent years and the large number
of visitors who attended the Club
house at North Point spent an en-
joyable afternoon. The rain of
the morning promised to spoil the
day but towards mid-day it cleared
up and the later stages of the pro-
gramme were blessed with a cer-
tain amount of sunshine. The
water was almost ideal for row-
ing although the ladies would have
liked a little more wind for their
sailing events.

The afternoon started with a
race for cruisers from Murray Pier
to Cust Rock and the Yacht Club
and having completed their course
the boats ranged alongside the
Electric light works and "dressed
ship" to add a decided note of
colour to the scheme.

Later there were races in all the
racing classes for ladies and it was
pleasant to note that Mrs. Carpen-
ter, the wife of the Commodore,
who attended to give away the
prizes took part in the racing and
won a first prize.

The Leveson Cup.

The event of the afternoon was
the race for the Leveson Cup, the
most important rowing event of the
season. There were six boats en-
tered, the number creating a new
record. The boats had to row off
in heats and the crews represent-
ing the P.W.D., Hongkong Bank,
A.P.C., and H. M. Submarines earned
the right to contest the final.

For this the Navy had the out-
side station, the P.W.D. the Hong-
kong station and the their two in
the middle. Commodore Stirling
got the boats away beautifully, all
four being dead level. The Navy,
which crew was regarded as
favourite on account of their show-
ing in the heat, struck a fast stroke,
30 to 32 and later settled down to
a steady 26, occasionally rising to
28.

The A.P.C. got away at 28 and
then settled to 26 for the rest of
the course. The Bank started at a
somewhat slow stroke of 24 and
rarely going above 26. They rowed
a good steady race but their
stroke was too slow. The P.W.D.
crew rowed a really first class
race and surprised all followers
by beating the A. P. C. They
rowed a steady 28 all up the
course and rose to 32 just before
the finish. However, they did
not seem able to hold the Navy
crew which went over about two
lengths ahead. P. W. D. was a
remarkably good second. The A.
P. C. were third and the Bank
last.

Mr. Slade for the Submarines
was a good cox and he steered a
good course. He is to be con-
gratulated together with each
member of the crew. The pace
struck and kept up all through
was remarkably good.

Other events of the day were
races for collapsible life boats
from submarines and a dinghy
race for boat boys. On the Club
premises several members enjoy-
ed a game of bowls and the many
visitors present took tea on the
lawn.

Among the visitors were Major
General C. C. and Mrs. Luard
and the Hon. Mr. H. T. and Mrs.
Creay.

After the events were com-
pleted the prizes were given away
by Mrs. Carpenter, wife of the
Club Commodore.

Prior to the presentation of
prizes, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, the
Commodore, delivered a lengthy
speech in which he reviewed the
Club's activities during the year.
Little Miss Mitchell presented
Mrs. Carpenter with a bouquet of
roses in a silver holder, tied with
the Club colours, blue and gold.

Ladies' Thanks.

After the presentation of
prizes, Mr. Rouse replied for the
ladies.

Saturday's Races.
Following are the results of
Saturday's closing cruise:—

Cruisers.

"Norseman" (Mr. Moncrieff) 1
"U and I" (Mr. H. E. Rouse) 2
"Mist" (Mr. A. Thornhill) 3
Ladies' Races—Handicap Class.
"Kolla" (Mrs. Croucher) 1
"La Linda" (Mrs. L. G. Scott) 2
"Falcon" (Miss Shaw) 3

Hayward Hays.

"Bluenose" (Miss Mitchell) 1
"Boojum" (Miss Lewis) 2
"Sealark" (Mrs. Hunt) 3
Gael and One Design Class.
"Gael" (Mrs. Carpenter) 1

The Leveson Cup.

Won by the H. M. Submarines
(Lt. G. Tanner, Lt. W. Moir, Lt.
Cdr. E. Barracough, Lt. E. R.
Gibson and Lt. G. Slate (Cox) 2nd.
P. W. D. Messrs. R. C. Keen, P.
Baker, D. H. McBride, K. S.
Robertson and H. J. Pearce (Cox).

Berthon Boats' Race.

LS, LS, and LS
Championships.

Following are the prizes won
during the year and presented
yesterday.
Combined Cruiser Class: 1st
"Norseman" (Messrs. Ryan,
Moncrieff and Edwards); 2nd

DISARMAMENT.

PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUE
CONFERENCE.

Buenos Aires, April 24.

The Argentine has accepted the
League invitation to participate in
the Preliminary Disarmament
Conference, also in the Commis-
sion of Reorganisation Council.—
Reuter's American Service.

A SOVIET CHIEF.

FORMER REPRESENTATIVE
IN GERMANY.

Moscow, April 25.

Stomoniatoff, former commercial
representative of the Soviets in
Germany, has been appointed Com-
missary of Foreign Affairs and
head of the department for Poland
and the Balkan States.—*Reuter.*

DUCHESS OF YORK.

Rugby, April 24.

The Duchess of York and her
daughter are making normal pro-
gress, and daily bulletins are
therefore being discontinued.—
British Wireless.

"Coquette" (Mr. F. Oliver); 3rd
"U and I" (Mr. and Mrs. H. S.
Rouse)

Handicap Class: 1st "Colleen"
(Messrs. Jack and Fitzgerald);
2nd "La Linda" (Mr. A. L.
Shields); 3rd "Diana" (Capt. T.
Arthur).

Hayward Hays Class: 1st "Why
Wonder?" (Mr. H. S. Rouse);
2nd "Boojum" (Mr. F. G. Vaux);
3rd "Bluenose" (Capt. W. Davi-
son, R.N.R.).

Gael and One Design Class:
1st "Daphne" (Mr. H. H.
Effersee); 2nd "Gael" (Lt.-
Comdr. E. Barracough, R.N.);
3rd "Joan" (Messrs. H.
Armstrong and W. Lock).

Ladies' Championship.

Handicap Class: 1st "Diana"
and "Colleen"—a tie. "Diana"
Mrs. A. Arthur; "Colleen" Miss
Hazelard.

I. Y. and G. Classes.

1st "Bluenose" (Mrs. E. J. R.
Mitchell); 2nd "Sealark" (Mrs.
H. B. Craue); 3rd "Why
Wonder?" (Mrs. J. L. Adams).

Bluenose Cup, presented by
Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell: "Joan"
(Mrs. Davison).

Other Prizes.

Commodore's Cup, Racing
Yachts, presented by Mr. E. W.
Carpenter: "Rolla" (Mr. N.
Croucher); "Bluenose" (Capt. W.
Davison, R.N.R.).

Commodore's Cup, Cruisers,
presented by Mr. E. W. Carpen-
ter: "Mist" (Messrs. Thornhill
and Lee Jones).

Vice-Commodore's Cup, Race-
ing Yachts, presented by Mr.
A. L. Shields: "Diana" (Surgn.
L. Brown, R.N.); "Pierrette"
(Lts. W. Vereker and W. Scott).

Vice-Commodore's Cup, Cruis-
ers, presented by Mr. A. L.
Shields: "U and I" (Mr. and
Mrs. H. S. Rouse).

Rear Commodore's Cup, Race-
ing Yachts, presented by Capt.
W. Davison: "Daphne" (Mr. H.
Effersee).

Rear Commodore's Cup, Cruis-
ers, presented by Capt. W. Davi-
son: "Norseman" (Messrs. Ryan,
Moncrieff and Edwards).

"Macao" Cup, presented by Mr.
G. H. Potts: "U and I" (Mr. and
Mrs. H. S. Rouse).

"Tai Yut" Cup, trophy for
Championship Winners: "Joan"
(Messrs. Armstrong and Lock).

"Norseman" Cup, presented by
Messrs. Ryan, Moncrieff and
Edwards: "U and I" (Mr. and
Mrs. H. S. Rouse).

"Colleen" Cup, presented by
Messrs. Jack and Fitzgerald:
"Rolla" (Mr. N. Croucher).

"Why Wonder?" Cup, presented
by Mr. H. S. Rouse: "Boojum"
(Mr. F. G. Vaux).

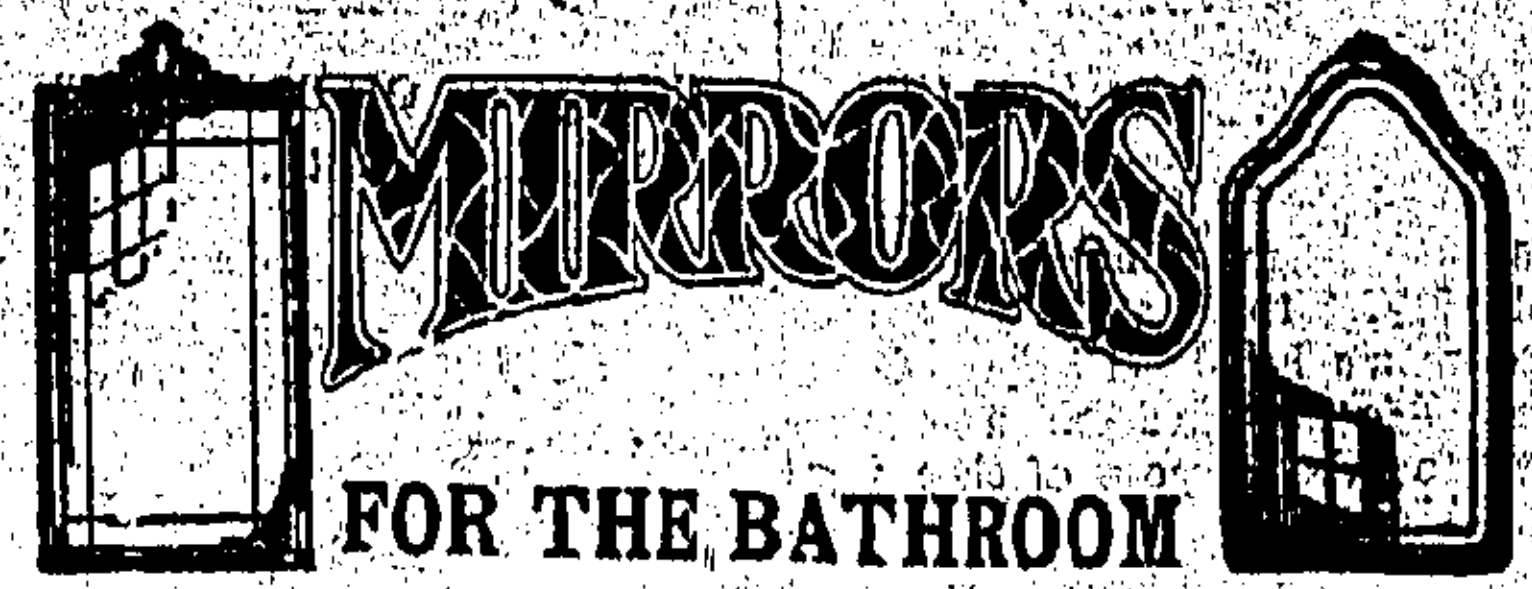
"Daphne" Cup, presented by
Mr. H. H. Effersee: "Pierrette"
(Lts. W. Vereker and W. Scott).

Ladies' Cup, presented by
Ladies' Championship Competi-
tors: "Dorothea" (Mr. C. Grist).

"Bellifios" Challenge Trophy:
"Boojum" (Mr. F. G. Vaux).
Warren Memorial Trophy:
"Joan" (Messrs. Armstrong and
Lock).

Denison Cup, presented by Mr.
A. Denison: "Falcon" (Mr. A.
Ritchie).

The officials of the day were:—
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ter, Esq.) The Rear Commodore:
(Capt. A. W. Davison, R.N.R.) and
E. Cock, Esq.) Commodore A. J. B.
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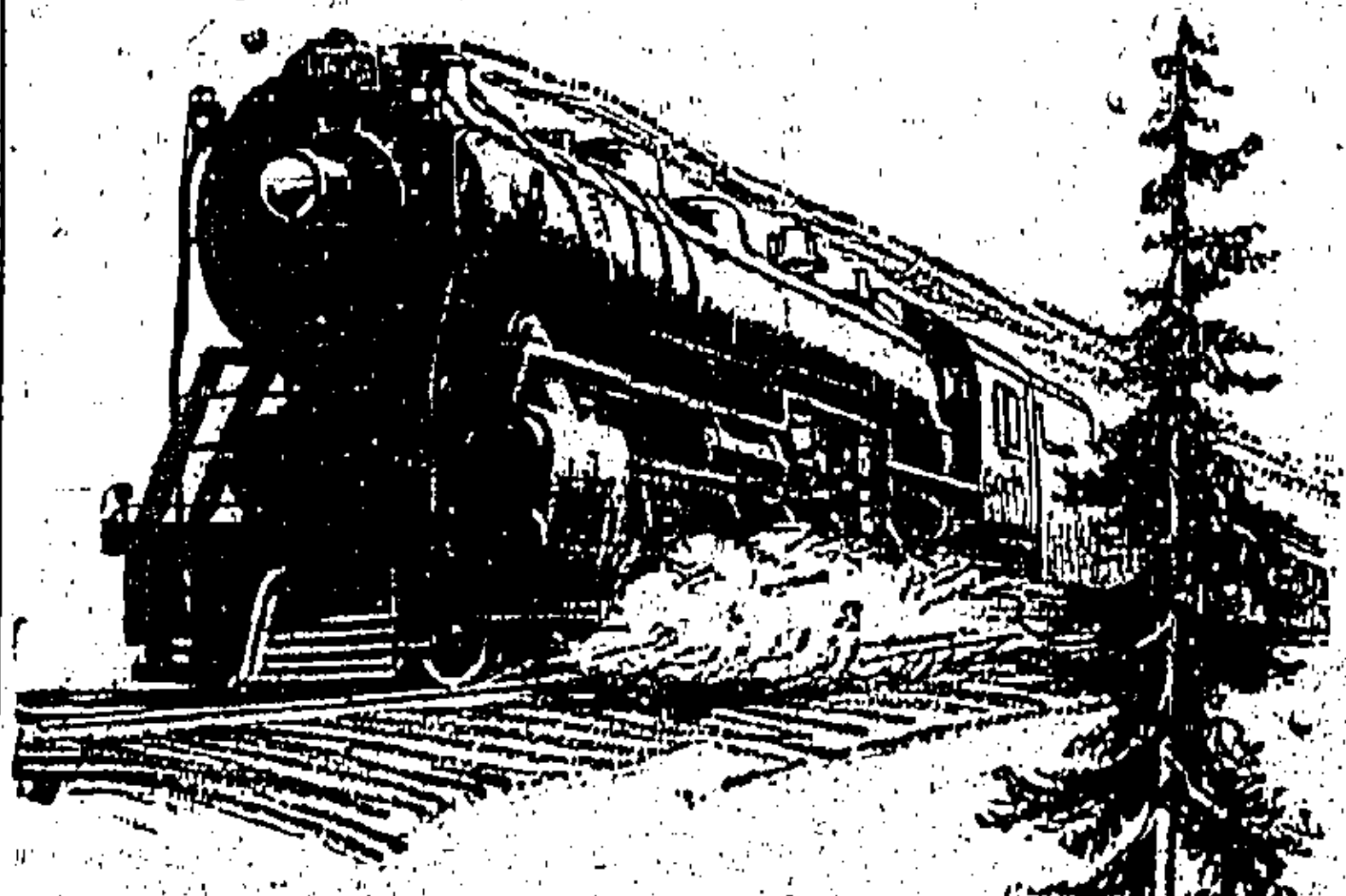
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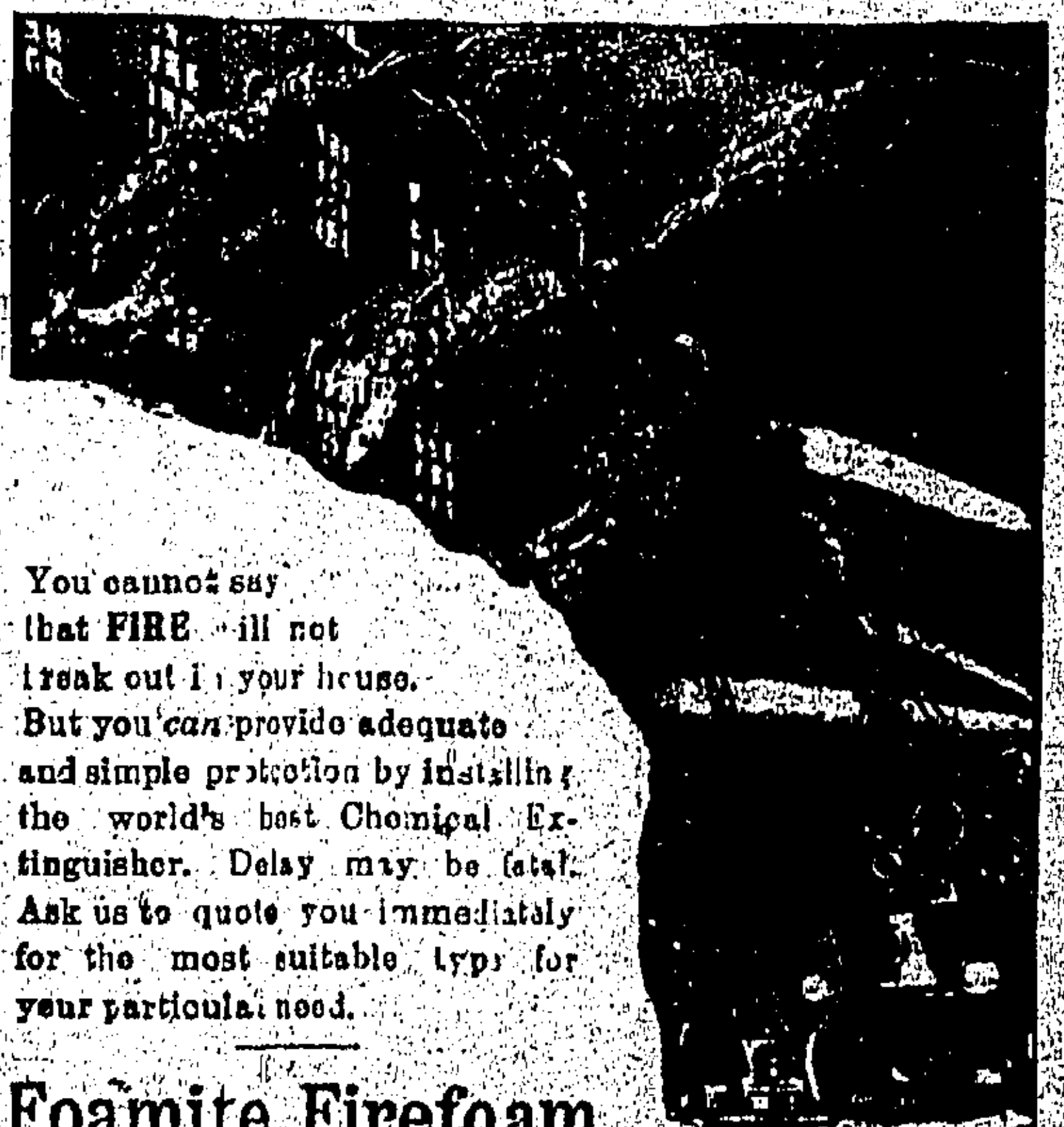
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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

KOWLOON TO ESTABLISH NEW RECORD?

[BY "WANDERER"]

Having already won the Senior Shield Competition, and needing only two points at the expense of the Hongkong Club to make certain of the championship of the Senior League, the Kowloon Football Club are within easy striking distance of an achievement not previously recorded in the history of football in the Colony.

Their easy victory over South China in the League on Saturday considerably enhanced their prospects of completing the double. Kowloon were not in the same form which enabled them to defeat the Surrey, but they played well enough for the occasion and South China at no time looked likely to bring off a surprise.

During the first half when the only goal scored came from the foot of Duncan, near to the interval, Avery, the home goalkeeper, had not a single shot to save, whilst at the other end, Kowloon indulged in shooting practice against a goalkeeper, noted for his gallery play, but at the same time looked upon as one of the cleverest custodians in the league. He brought off many excellent saves.

The second moiety was not quite so one-sided partly because Chan Kwong-ai in this half, sometimes attained to his customary skill, whereas prior to the interval one might have assumed that he was South China's sixth reserve. Sims netted twice in the last ten minutes. Criticism of the players would not be fair since I am of the opinion that Kowloon were opposed to a team which was careless as to how the game went. South China turned out with five reserves, notable absentees being Leung Yuk-tong, Ng Kam-chuen and Leung Wing-tak. It was only to be expected that Kowloon would dominate the game, as dominate it they did.

THE CHARITY CUP FINAL.

Both England and Portugal were short of full strength and an uninteresting International Charity Cup Final resulted in a win for Portugal by three goals to one. The Portuguese put on their three goals through Ward, Brown and Fuentes, before Humberstone turned a centre by Bennett past Noronha.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

South China "C" defeated Kowloon "B" by five goals to one on Saturday and were thereby assured of the championship of the "B" Section of the Second Division. Pau Kah-chuen (2), Tin Lap-fat (2), and Fun King-cheung scored for South China and Ross for Kowloon.

BILLIARDS FINAL.

MR. BLACK WINS DOCKYARD HANDICAP.

The recent visit of George Gray to the Dockyard Recreation Club, and a demonstration of his artistry has aroused considerably more interest in Club billiards, with the result that on Saturday evening when the final of the Billiard Handicap Cup was played, the capacity of the Clubrooms was severely taxed.

The finalists were Mr. F. Black (minus 30) and Mr. H. Griffiths (plus 60) and in a slow game of 260 up the former was successful by 68 points. There were comparatively few breaks of over 20, but Mr. Black had the best of the play throughout. His opponent was dogged by ill-luck though succeeded on several occasions in extricating himself from difficult positions.

The final score was: Mr. Black: 250; Mr. Griffiths: 192.

Mr. E. Brown, after a brief reference to the excellent play produced by the tournament, congratulated the winner and presented the cup. Mr. Black suitably responded.

FILIPINO TENNIS STARS.

LOCAL MATCHES SUGGESTED.

The Secretary of the Filipino Club, Mr. L. R. Ildefonso, has received a cable from Dr. Ylanan, Secretary of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, stating that the Philippine Davis Cup team is due to arrive in Hongkong by the a.s. Empress of Asia tomorrow morning. As the team will spend a few days in the Colony, it is hoped to arrange matches with local players.

The team consists of the Aragon Brothers, who are the "Doubles" champions of the Philippine Islands, Barredo, the "Singles" champion, and Gonzales, who is the champion of the City of Manila.

This is the first occasion upon which the Philippines have entered for the coveted trophy, and great interest naturally centres upon their first match which will be against the winners of the Japan-Cuba match. The matches to be played are in the Western "Zone," and will be played in the United States.

Local enthusiasts will doubtless welcome an opportunity to see these players in action, and it is to be hoped that the condition of the ground will permit local matches to be arranged.

BOXING.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT.

The annual boxing tournament of the Central British School was held in the great hall on Thursday last. The event this year was merely a contest between the various houses and not for individual championship honours. The following were the full results:

J. McCubbin (Nathan) beat R. Wooley (May).
L. Marshall (Nathan) beat T. Sloan (May).
N. Hackett (Lugard) beat G. MacClay (May).
D. Kelly (May) beat M. Bach (Lugard).
D. Dixon (Nathan) beat A. Christie (Lugard).
S. Rogers (Lugard) beat G. Rapp (May).
R. Butler (Nathan) beat R. Forster (Lugard).
E. Moore (Nathan) beat I. Black (Nathan).
D. Geldart (May) beat R. Blythe (Nathan).
G. Carr (May) beat J. Maycock (Nathan).
A. Ursell (May) beat L. Huggett (Lugard).
L. Easterbrook (May) beat S. MacNider (Lugard).
L. Evans (Nathan) beat A. Maycock (May).
J. Gourlay (Nathan) beat W. Geldart (Lugard).

BILLIARDS.

THE EMPIRE AMATEUR TOURNAMENT.

London, April 24. In the Empire Billiard tournament, Shailer (Australia), 2,000 beat McCluney (North Ireland), 1,292.—*Reuter*.

Osmond to Meet Faulkner.

Local billiard enthusiasts will look forward with interest to the visit of the famous English player, Claude Faulkner, who it is believed will meet Osmond at the Lusitania Club on his arrival in the Colony from Shanghai during the coming fortnight.

Arrangements had been made for a match to be played on the 21st inst., but the visit of George Gray to Shanghai yielded a match there between the two experts resulting in delay in Faulkner's visit to Hongkong.

After boxing in a benefit tournament at Manor Hall, Hackney, Billy Gibbins, of Caning Town, died in hospital on the following morning. Gibbins was not on the programme, but in the absence of a contestant he agreed to box ten rounds with Ted Terry. In the seventh round the referee stopped the fight, declaring Terry the winner. In his corner Gibbins fainted. It was reported at the hospital that he was suffering from a head injury.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE CUP FINAL.

London, April 24. The Association Football Cup Final was played at Wembley in dull and cold weather before 92,000 spectators, including His Majesty the King.

Bolton Wanderers beat Manchester City by one goal to nil, Jack, the inside right, scoring in the thirty-fourth minute of the second half.

There was the customary enthusiasm, particularly between the rival Lancashire sections, who were conveyed from the North in a series of specials, in addition to motor cars and charabancs.

Twenty minutes from the start the enclosures were full, but the crowd was allowed in the arena but created no disorder.

The Bolton Wanderers started off with a great dash, which they failed to maintain. The City's defence settled down and kept Bolton at bay. Then Manchester took the offensive and the Bolton goal had narrow escapes, but there was no score at the interval.

Resuming, Bolton returned to the attack, Joe Smith, the inside left, initiating the movements skilfully. The play deteriorated into roughness in a desperate fight to score. Then, in the thirty-fourth minute, Butler, the Bolton right winger, hooked the ball to Wizard, who lobbed to Jack, the latter driving high into the net.

Manchester made the most strenuous efforts to equalise, but had no luck. Bolton were content to play on the defensive, and though they were severely taxed, held out until the final whistle, leaving them winners by one goal to nil.

There was intense excitement at the finish. The crowd swarmed on to the field and carried off the goal scorer shoulder high.

Amid deafening cheers the Bolton captain, Joe Smith, received the cup from His Majesty, who also presented medals to both teams.

U. S. BASEBALL.

MAJOR LEAGUES.

New York, April 25. The following are results of matches played in the major Baseball Leagues for the past week:

Played on Saturday:
National League:
New York 3 Boston 2
Philadelphia 1 Brooklyn 3
Cincinnati 1 Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 10 Chicago 5
American League:
Washington 3 New York 2
Chicago 5 Cleveland 4
Detroit 7 St. Louis 3
Played on Monday:
National League:
New York 3 Boston 2
Philadelphia 2 Brooklyn 3
Cincinnati 2 Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 4 Chicago 4
American League:
Boston 1 Philadelphia 3
Detroit 1 St. Louis 1
Chicago 1 Cleveland 4
Played on Tuesday:
National League:
Cincinnati 5 Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 10 Chicago 7
American League:
Washington 6 New York 5
Detroit 5 St. Louis 3
Chicago 5 Cleveland 9
Played on Wednesday:
National League:
Boston 2 Philadelphia 1
Chicago 4 Cincinnati 2
American League:
New York 3 Boston 2
Philadelphia 5 Washington 12
Cleveland 5 Chicago 5
St. Louis 5 Detroit 1
Played on Thursday:
National League:
Brooklyn 4 New York 11
Boston 6 Philadelphia 2
Chicago 5 Cincinnati 5
St. Louis 5 Pittsburgh 3
American League:
New York 3 Boston 2
Philadelphia 2 Washington 3
St. Louis 2 Chicago 0
Cleveland 5 Detroit 3
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LAWN TENNIS.

THE MASON DIXIE CHAMPIONSHIP.

White Sulphur Spring, W. Va., April 24. A. C. Hunter and Vicent Richards beat W. L. Tilden and Chaplin, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, and 6-4, thus winning the Mason Dixie Championship.

Vincent Richards defeated Tilden in a thrilling encounter in the final of the singles of the Mason Dixie lawn tennis championship, 11-9, 6-2, 2-6, 8-6, 8-3.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.

Birmingham	1	W. Ham U.	0
Blackburn	8	Aston Villa	1
Bury	4	Leicester C.	0
Cardiff C.	2	Liverpool	2
Everton	3	Newcastle U.	0
Sheffield	2	Manchester U.	0
Sunderland	3	Notts C.	0
Tottenham	0	Burnley	2
W. Bromwich	2	Arsenal	1

Huddersfield	41	23	1	7	90	56	57
Arsenal	40	21	7	12	88	62	48
Sunderland	42	21	6	15	96	80	48
Sheffield U.	41	19	7	15	100	80	45
Bury	41	19	7	15	83	77	45
Aston Villa	41	16	11	14	84	74	43
Liverpool	41	14	15	12	68	61	43
Bolton	39	17	8	14	72	71	42
Blackburn	42	15	11	16	91	80	41
Newcastle	41	15	10	16	81	73	40
West Brom	41	16	8	17	77	75	40
Everton	41	13	12	17	70	70	40
Manch. Un.	40	17	6	17	62	71	40
Birmingham	41	16	8	17	66	78	40
Tottenham	41	15	9	17	65	75	39
Cardiff	40	16	7	17	60	71	39
Leicester	42	14	10	18	70	80	38
West Ham	41	15	7	19	63	74	37
Leeds U.	40	13	8	19	59	73	34
Burnley	41	12	10	19	101	107	34
Manch. City	40	11	11	18	85	96	33
Notts City	41	12	7	22	50	72	31

Barnesley	3	South Shields	1
Blackpool	0	Swansea T.	0
Bradford	2	Stockport C.	2
Chelsea	0	Middlesbrough	1
Clapton	1	Preston N. E.	1
Darlington	3	Whamton W. F.	4
Derby C.	1	Oldham	0
Rull G.	1	Porthmouth	0
Nottingham	1	Stoke C.	1
Port Vale	0	Fulham	1
Southampton	1	Wednesday	2

Wednesday	41	26	6	9	86	46	58
Derby	40	25	7	8	76	37	57
Chelsea	40	18	4	8	74	44	50
Swansea	40	19	10	11	74	52	48
Wolves	40	19	7	14	74	57	45
Blackpool	41	17	11	13	76	67	45
Port Vale	41	19	6	16	77	64	44
Middlesbrough	41	21	2	18	76	66	44
Oldham	40	17	8	15	66	58	42
South S'ids	41	17	8	16	69	63	42
Prestonmouth	41	16	10	15	73	74	42
Bristol C.	41	17	7	17	67	62	41
Hull City	40	15	9	16	58	56	39
Southampton	41	15	7	19	62	62	37
Darlington	41	14	9	18	69	76	37
Barnesley	40	12	12	16	57	73	36
Notts For.	41	14	8	19	48	65	36
Bradford C.	41	13	10	18	47	64	36
Fulham	41	10	12	19	44	77	35
Clapton	41	11	9	21	48	64	31
Stoke	40	11	7	22	51	76	29
Stockport	41	7	9	25	48	97	23

Division II.							
Barnesley	3	South Shields	1				
Blackpool	0	Swansea T.	0				
Bradford	2	Stockport C.	2				
Chelsea	0	Middlesbrough	1				
Clapton	1	Preston N. E.	1				
Darlington	3	Whamton W. F.	4				
Derby C.	1	Oldham	0				
Rull G.	1	Porthmouth	0				
Nottingham	1	Stoke C.	1				
Port Vale	0	Fulham	1				
Southampton	1	Wednesday	2				

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Notts For.	41	14	8	19	48	65	36
Bradford C.	41	13	10	18	47	64	36
Fulham	41	10	12	19	44	77	35
Clapton	41	11	9	21	48	64	31
Stoke	40	11	7	22	51	76	29
Stockport	41	7	9	25	48	97	23

Division III (South).							
Aberdare	2	Queen's Park	0				
Brentford	2	Exceter C.	0				
Brighton & H.A.	2	Bristol R.	0				
Bristol C.	5	B'mouth & B.A.	0				
Crystal Palace	3	Reading	0				
Millwall	3	Newport C.	3				
Northampton	0	Luton T.	1				
Norwich C.	2	Merthyr T.	0				
Plymouth	1	Charlton	0				
Southend U.	1	Gillingham	1				
Watford	3	Swindon T.	2				

Plymouth	40	24	7	9	105	63	55
Reading	41	22	11	8	70	51	55
Millwall	40	21	10	9	70	54	52
Bristol City	41	21	9	11	71	48	51
Brighton	41	19	9	13	85	72	47
Swindon	41	19	6	16	68	64	44
Southend	41	18	6	18	77	68	42
Luton	41	18	6	17	73	74	42
Crystal P.	41	19	3	19	73	74	41
Bournemouth	41	16	9	16	69	60	41
Aberdare	41	16	8	17	71	66	40
Gillingham	41	16	8	17	51	49	40
Northants	40	16	7	17	77	76	39
Watford	41	15	9	17	72	83	39
Norwich	41	15	8	18	57	72	38
Newport	41	14	9	18	63	73	37
Merthyr	41	13	11	17	64	74	37
Brentford	40	16	5	19	66	85	37
Bristol Rov.	41	15	6	20	66	66	36
Charlton	41	10	14	17	44	55	34
Exceter	41	13	6	22	64	69	32
Q. P. R.	41	5	9	27	34	33	19

Oldham.....	40	17	8	15	66	58	42
South S'lds....	41	17	8	16	69	63	42
Portsmouth....	41	16	10	15	75	74	42
Preston	41	17	7	17	67	82	41



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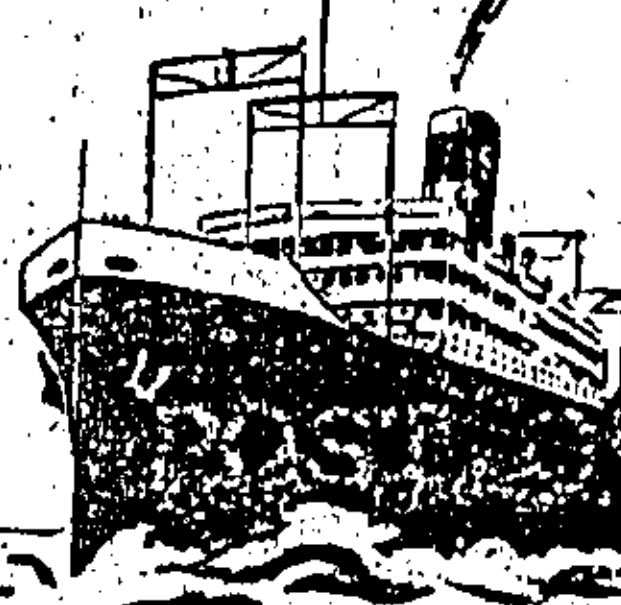
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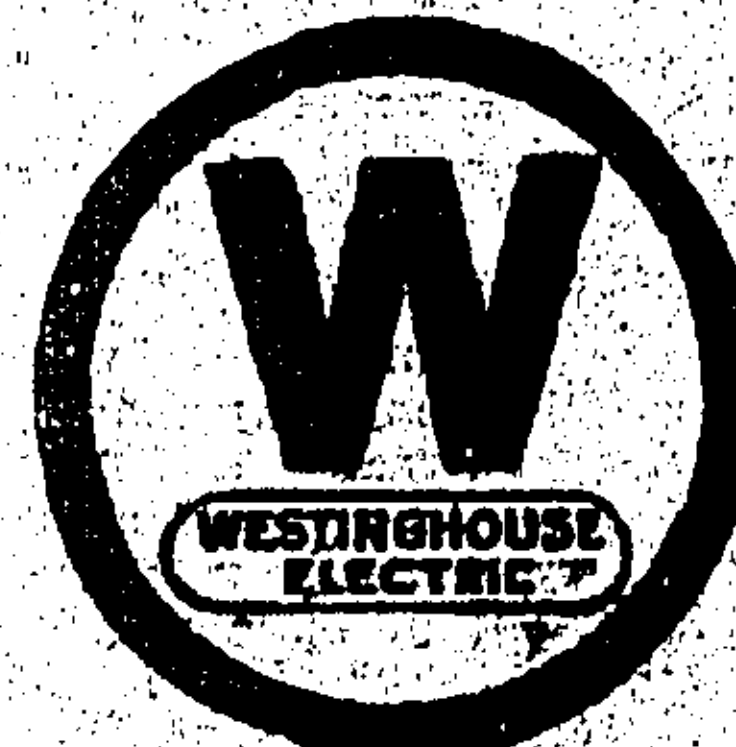
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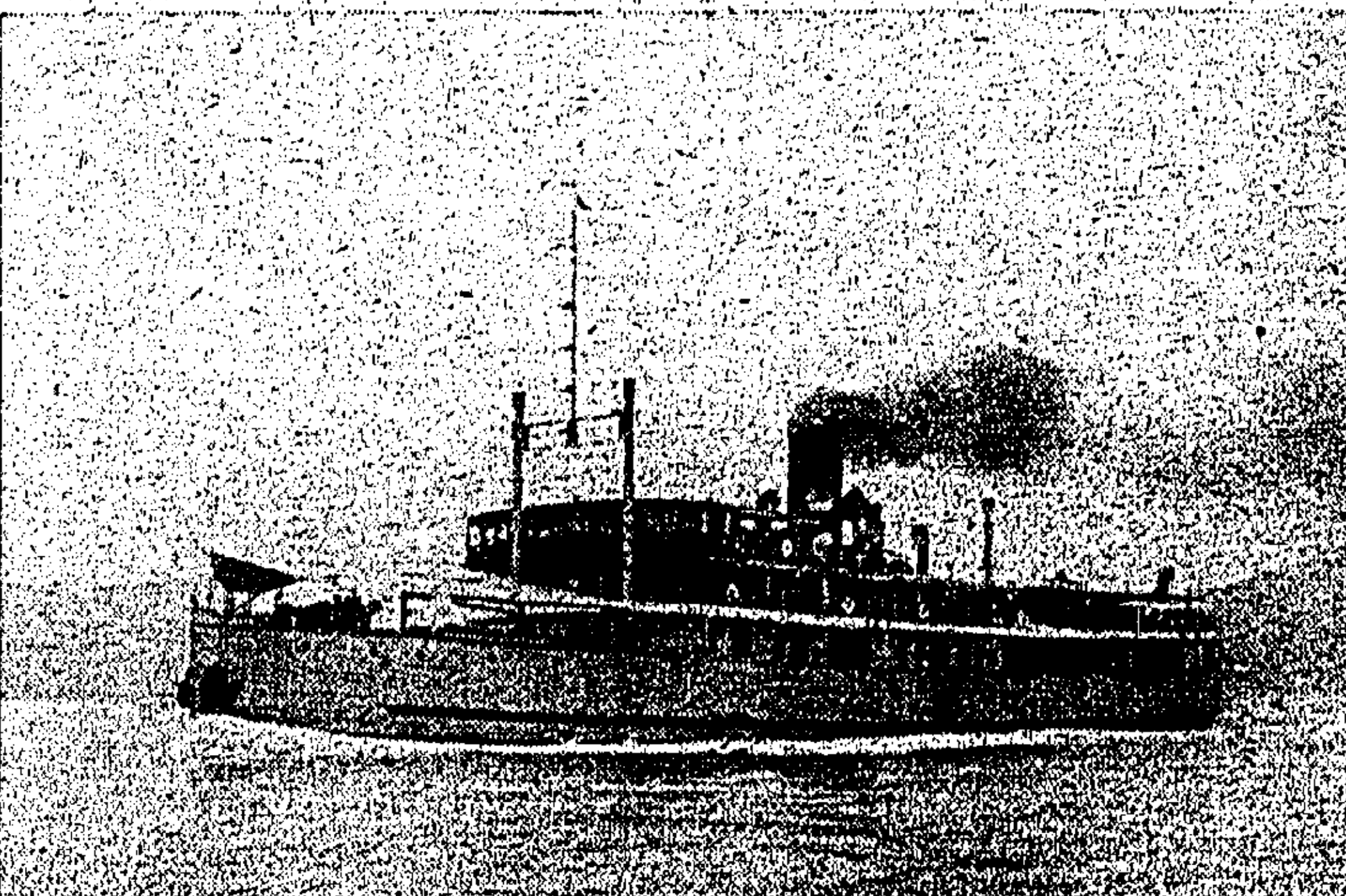
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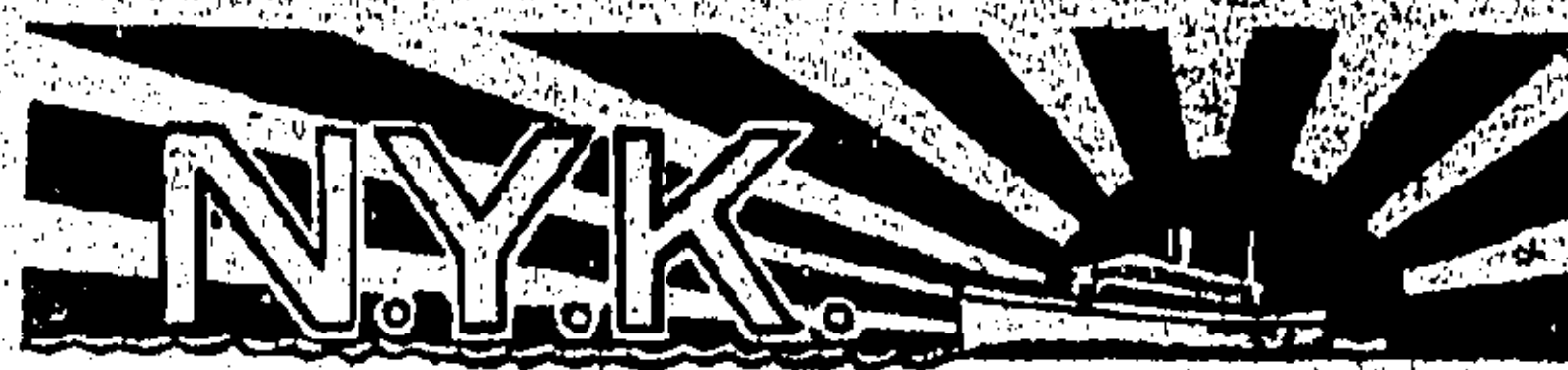
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CALCUTTA RIOTS.**A GRAVE SITUATION.**

Calcutta, April 24.

There were exciting scenes of rioting between the Hindus and Mohammedans to-day, during which forty-one were injured. Hitherto there have been fifteen deaths.

A crowd of five hundred Mohammedans, armed with pick-axes, crow-bars, sticks, swords and stones, marched down Meharbazar Street to the accompaniment of drums. Police Sergeant MacLeod and Bonnard vainly tried to dissuade them, whereupon MacLeod snatched and broke a drum. Brickbats were hurled at him, but he whipped out a revolver and dispersed the mob. Bonnard sustained minor injuries which were dressed in hospital. Meanwhile, a large crowd of Hindus armed with swords, knives and axes assembled at one end of Meharbazar Street and a fusillade of brickbats occurred between the opposing parties, lasting an hour. The police then fired blank ammunition, which resulted in dispersing the combatants.—*Reuter.*

Troops Arrive.

Calcutta, April 25.

The northern part of the city wears a deserted aspect at night. Most of the shops have closed at the suggestion of the police, who put extra patrols on duty. Two armoured cars paraded the streets where the disturbances have been especially bad.

Solitary cases of assault and looting continue. Two Hindus were found dead in the street, of dagger wounds. A party of Mahomedan hooligans disembowelled a Hindu before killing him. A police sergeant and a constable were wounded. A detachment of a hundred Gurkha Rifles has arrived.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.**WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN ETCHER.**

New York, April 24.

The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Pennell, the famous etcher, from pneumonia.—*Reuter's American Service.*

(Mr. Joseph Pennell, artist, illustrator and author, was born in Philadelphia in 1860. He was awarded medals at Paris, Philadelphia, Chicago and Buffalo, the first class gold medal at the Paris Exposition in 1900 and thereafter at other Exhibitions over a long period. His work is to be seen in the principal galleries throughout the world, in both State and municipal collections, including that of H. M. the King of Italy. He was a great traveller and recorded in many volumes the highlights of his experiences, among the volumes from his pen being "A Canterbury Pilgrimage," "Two Pilgrims," "The Pilgrimage," "Our Sentimental Journey through France," "Our Journey through the Hebrides" and certain specialised books dealing with illustration and art, including "The Authorised Life of J. M. W. Whistler" and a memoir on "The Work of Charles Keene." He was well-known in Europe and was a member of the Adelphi Terrace Club, London.)

RUBBER.**Maximum Limit Abolished.**

London, April 25.

The Colonial Office announces that the percentage of standard production of rubber exportable, at the minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and Malaya during the quarter beginning May 1, will be one hundred; and that the maximum limit of five hundred pounds per acre provided under the regulations, applicable to assessment of estates exceeding twenty-five acres in Malaya, is abolished. The maximum limit for assessment of standard production in the case of small holdings will be raised to four hundred pounds per acre for mature rubber, and two hundred for rubber in bearing but not mature. At the same time, provision will be made for restriction to 80 per cent. for the quarter beginning August 1, should the average price of spot rubber in the London market fall below 20 pence per pound.

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CHINA UNDERWRITERS.

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You will observe (bearing in mind that last year this Department only operated for 4½ months) that though our expenses have increased from \$48,609.52 to \$101,211.50 being a little over three times, the premiums actually collected (less Re-assurances) have increased from \$23,011.75 to \$138,923.21 being nearly six times. Experience shows that while in an expanding business expenses increase by a small percentage, the Premium Revenue increases much more rapidly, and it is anticipated with confidence that from the fourth year of our business and onwards our Revenue will exceed our expenditure in an increasing ratio.

I can assure you that our Actuary, while realizing fully the desirability of keeping expenses as low in these early years as is consistent with reasonable expansion is not at all perturbed by the expenses we have incurred in view of the establishment of Agencies which has been effected.

We are now receiving good class Life business from Hongkong, Shanghai, Tientsin, Macao, the Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Ceylon and Burma and arrangements have been made since the date of the account for what we believe will be an effective producing agency in the Netherlands India.

The China Agencies have naturally been somewhat handicapped by the disturbances during the past nine months. If these Agencies are as soundly established as they appear to be we do not think you need feel anxiety as to the cost of their establishment. The total outstanding Premium as shown in the Balance Sheet amounts to \$34,926.38 I am pleased to say that of this amount \$30,230.25 has already been collected which is very satisfactory.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts for 1925 as presented be adopted and passed and when that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Thwaites seconded and there being no questions the resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Mr. Tavares proposed and Mr. Wong Kit-wan seconded that Messrs. A. Cameron, Li Tse-fong, C. P. Marcel, Mok Ching-kong, C. A. Da Roza and Tsang Foo be re-elected to the consulting committee for the ensuing year. This was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Toppin, seconded by Mr. Keith, it was agreed that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected at a remuneration of \$750 each, and that a similar fee be paid for the year 1925.

This was all the business of the meeting.

"MAN WHO WAS SLAPPED."

BREACH DAMAGES AFTER STRANGE SCENE.

Charles Frederick Masters, of Aldershot, was recently ordered to pay £75 damages and costs to Miss Ethel Nellie Cottle, of Farnborough, for breach of promise. Both are Post Office employees. The case was before Mr. Justice Salter in the King's Bench Division.

The couple were engaged in June 1922, and the wedding was fixed for May 16, 1925. Two days before that date, after arrangements had been made with the clergyman, the organist and the choir, rooms had been booked at a Paris hotel for the honeymoon, and guests had been invited to the wedding. Mr. Masters, it was alleged, called at Miss Cottle's house and broke off the engagement.

Mr. Masters, giving evidence, said once at Cowes (where he was employed in the post office) he had been visiting a sick friend. On returning to his rooms late he found Miss Cottle and her sister, Mrs. Horsfield, there. He was asked what he meant by coming home at that hour, and Miss Cottle and Mrs. Horsfield, both slapped his face. Later Miss Cottle apologised.

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One great function of the liver is the manufacture of bile which is essential for the digestion of fat. The liver cells are making it night and day, but they are busiest when digestion is going on.

The person of average weight produces a little over a pint of bile during the day and what is not needed at the moment is stored in the gall-bladder.

As food leaves the stomach and enters the intestine a call for bile is received by the liver, and a quantity is at once injected to mix with the passing food. Not only is bile essential for the digestion of fat but its presence prevents putrefactive changes taking place in the intestine.

Any condition that produces a congestion of the liver or interferes with the proper flow of bile is to be guarded against.

Chill after exercise, exposure, to cold and damp, errors in eating and drinking are casual agents. No one is immune from these slight indispositions, but with care they can be reduced to a minimum.

Headache, loss of appetite, dirty tongue, nausea, accompanied by an irritable temper, are sure signs that the liver needs attention. This depression of the mind is an outstanding feature of hepatic disturbance; we become a source of annoyance to ourselves and to others.

Avoid chills by wearing sensible warm under-clothing. Be moderate in eating and drinking—don't stodge.

If you feel that the liver is sluggish take a dose of calomel, two grains is ample; at bedtime followed first thing in the morning by a draught of Epsom salts, a teaspoonful in a glass of warm water—it costs as few pence as the patent medicines cost shillings.

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Through this medium, output of safety razor blades has reached an unprecedented volume, and promises further substantial expansion. Arrangements are being made for the application of cobalt high-speed steel to the mass production of long razors, pocket knives, kitchen knives, and practically the whole range of domestic cutlery. Special plant, also manufactured in Sheffield, is being laid down, and the first products are expected to be available in the early part of the coming summer. Another interesting development in stainless steel application is to receive experimental test. Tramcars are to be equipped with stainless steel fittings which, although more costly than those of brass, allow of a considerable economy in maintenance costs by dispensing with the necessity for frequent cleaning. As the number of articles on each tramcar for which stainless steel is believed to be suitable is in the neighbourhood of 100, the experiment, if proved by practical tests to be satisfactory, should open a further considerable avenue for stainless steel consumption.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA.

FAST POSSIBILITIES TO
OPEN UP.

Kirin, Man., March 31.—Notwithstanding the civil wars of the past few years the development of Manchuria is steadily progressing.

In addition to the Taonan Tsitsihar and Mukden-Hailung-Railways, which are at present being constructed, there is a prospect of the Harbin-Blagovest-chensk being begun this year. The extension of the Changchun-Kirin railway eastwards to Chientao will be commenced at the Kirin end as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The first section of this line will be from Kirin to Tunhua by Chiaocho, a distance of about 130 English miles. It will take at least two years to construct, as the country is mountainous all the way. The steel railway bridge over the Sungari, about two English miles north east of Kirin city, will be an engineering feat of no inconsiderable skill.

The river is a quarter of a mile wide, and during the rainy season sometimes rises 20 feet in 24 hours. Huge unwieldy rafts are often swept down by a fierce current, so that the pillars of the bridge will require to be specially protected by granite piers.

The railway is to be a Chinese undertaking, but with the financial assistance of Japanese. The rails, girders, etc., are being bought from Japan; and Japanese engineers, contractors, and surveyors, are being employed as well as Chinese. The navies are Koreans and Chinese.

THE BELGIUM OF THE FAR EAST.

Those who have watched the political struggle of the last 20 years naturally attach very great importance to Manchurian railways, weighing carefully the strategic advantages to Japan, Russia and China. Looked at in this way Manchuria is a great chessboard on which the destinies of three nations are being played out by the brains of Tokyo, Moscow and Mukden.

Looked at from a commercial and economic point of view the prosperity of millions of people is being assured. China's communications need improving tenfold, and it is interesting to watch the way in which Manchuria, the political Belgium of the Far East, is by force of circumstances progressing economically quicker than any other part of China through improved communications.

The Kirin Chientao line will penetrate the great primeval forest, where there are 80 varieties of wood.

It will go near the famous Tienpoashan (Heaven's Treasure Mountain) with its silver ore, and through Chiao-ho with its coal mines.

ANOTHER ROAD TO THE SEA.

It will link up the Northern Korean Railway system with Kirin Province and so open another way to the sea.

It will open scores of fertile valleys to settlers. At present the whole district is very sparsely populated. It will enable a strong government to attack the very citadel of Manchurian brigands. The mountain fastnesses of this region are the most notorious robber strongholds in the whole of China. These are some of the possibilities of this new enterprise. Therefore we bid it goodspeed.

A squall of wind caused cargo boat No. 994 to list heavily while on its way from the Victoria junk anchorage to the Kowloon godowns, with a cargo of rice. The boat became water-logged. Timely assistance was rendered by a Prison Department launch, which towed the junk to Bank wharf. Luckily there were no casualties.

A meeting of the Japanese Residents' Association was held last week and new officers were elected as follows: President: Mr. S. Kinoshita, manager of the N.Y.K. Vice-president: Mr. T. Takagi, manager of the Bank of Taiwan; and treasurer, Mr. S. Okubo, of the M.B.K.

Dick Norton's Globe-trotters are returning to the Colony this week, and will show at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, from Thursday to Sunday, inclusive. There is no truth in the rumour that little Betty Norton, and Miss Leila Forbes, have left the company. These popular artists will be as much to the fore as ever.

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From	Per	Due.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	April 26
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For	Per	Date.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Mon., Apr. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	Mon., Apr. 26, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Mon., Apr. 26, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Tues., Apr. 27, 10.30 a.m.
	Letters	11.30 a.m.

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Ambrose Tues., April 27, Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 25th May).

Straits Alipora Tues., Apr. 27, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow Tinsang Wed., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta Kutsang Wed., April 28, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 28th May).

Shanghai Soochow Wed., Apr. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai Suisang Wed., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Hoihow Mingsang Thurs., Apr. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong Kashing Thurs., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Hollo Wuhu Thurs., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. Emp. of Asia Fri., Apr. 30, 10.30 a.m. (Due Vancouver, B.C. 17th May).

Manila Pres. Taft Fri., Apr. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Macedonia Sat., May 1, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 28th May).

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kallio Maru Sun., May 2, 9 a.m.
Shanghai Kwongsang Tues., May 4, 6 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Patroclus Wed., May 5, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 28th June).

Straits and Calcutta Yuensang Thurs., May 6, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 28th June).

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